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Belleville's kayak launch put on hold by VBT's decision to go to FERC

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The proposed floating dock system and canoe/kayak launch due to be constructed this summer at Horizon Park – with a Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant of \$120,700 -- has been put on hold until a whole lot of red tape is unraveled.

At the July 16 meeting of the Belleville Downtown Development Authority, DDA Coordinator Carol Thompson explained the situation.

“Van Buren Township has decided the City of Belleville and Belleville DDA proposed floating dock system and canoe/kayak launch must receive Federal Energy Regulation Commission (FERC) approval prior to construction,” Thompson said.

She presented the following timeline to the DDA on the FERC approval process as she currently knows it:

1. Michigan Department of

Eight candidates file for four library board seats in Nov. 4 election

The deadline for filing as a candidate for four open seats on the Belleville Area District Library Board was 4 p.m. Thursday, July 17.

According to the Wayne County Clerk's Office the following eight candidates have filed:

- Bernard Grant
- Sharon Peters
- Mary Dawson
- Paul Henning
- Lachelle Caver
- Joseph Monte
- Phillip Miller
- Tanya Stoudemire

Their names will be on the Nov. 4 general election ballot.

Incumbents are Dawson and Monte. Those not seeking reelection are Elaine Gutierrez and Christina Brasil.

Environmental Quality (MDEQ) permit application – The MDEQ requires a permission letter from the township for improvements on township property which is Belleville Lake up to the 655' contour line. Our project application is ready to submit to MDEQ as soon as we receive the township's permission letter.

2. Van Buren Township lake permission letter – Prior to issuing a lake permission letter, the township is requiring the DDA and City to agree in writing to accept the township's requirement for FERC approval, then VBT will issue their permission letter for the Horizon Park project's MDEQ application.

3. Michigan department of Environmental Quality Permit Application – MDEQ will review the application and either ask for more information, return to us with their comments, or decide to hold a public comment period, before approving the permit.

4. Van Buren Township and STS Hydropower – VBT and STS are co-licensees for the Belleville Lake-French Landing FERC (dam) license.

When MDEQ approves the permit, the township forwards copies of the application to STS Hydropower and three state agencies: State Historic Preservation Office, Fish and Wildlife, and MDNR for their review and comments.

Once any comments from the three state agencies have been received and addressed, then STS will complete their review, either ask the City/DDA for changes or recommend the project.

VBT and STS will file the application requesting FERC approval to authorize the proposed project.

5. Federal Energy Regulation Commission approval – A part of the FERC process will be to issue a public notice for comments. Following the close of the public comment period, FERC

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Jackie Garner, at right, has retired as office manager at the *Independent*, after 12 years of service. Before she left, she trained Janet Millard, left, in the position and Millard now is the newspaper's new office manager. Garner and her family live in Van Buren Township.

Thunder Over Michigan parade to feature mass flyover of 20 warbirds

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8, Thunder Over Michigan parade up Main Street in Belleville will feature a mass flyover of 20 warbirds, the Belleville City Council was told Monday at its regular meeting.

Aaron Peters, filling in for Michael Luther, Air Show Director for the Yankee Air Museum, said they usually have a few old planes fly over the annual parade in Belleville, but this year they are trying to do a mass flyover of 20 warbirds.

Originally scheduled were the WWII T-6 “Texan” Trainer Formation Team and the Yankee Air Museum's WWII B-25 “Mitchell” Bomber.

The rest of the parade schedule is the same as in previous years, he said, adding there will be no vehicles with metal tracks unless they are covered with rubber shields.

There will be rolling street closings for the parade which brings World War II U.S. and German military vehicles to town along with re-enactors in costume.

The plan is for them to leave Willow Run Airport and to roll into town around 6:30 p.m. for staging at Victory Park. Then the parade will head up Main Street to High Street where it will stage for a while between Main and Roys streets before heading back to Willow Run Airport and the air show at about 7:15 p.m..

Councilman Tom Fielder said this is another example of the more than 100 days of special events the city of Belleville is offering to the community this year.

In other business at the 50-minute meeting, the council:

- Set a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 18 to get input on the new Sign Ordinance. Copies of the ordinance are available at city hall for study;

- Heard a request from Michelle Naser of the Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance to tie teal-colored ribbons to the lampposts along Main Street as part of the “Turn the Town Teal” campaign and place 4-6 signs downtown for the month of September.

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Brown Funeral Home moves 'home' two years after devastating fire

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

"We're home now," said David C. Brown on Saturday as he sat in the funeral home that was so damaged by fire two years ago that he couldn't use it until now.

"We're finally home," agreed Shelly Brown, David's daughter, who will be taking over operation of the funeral home once her father decides to retire in the near future.

They officially moved in on Friday and were spending the week end working to put everything in order. There was just one person needing their services over the week end, and she would not be shown but would have graveside services only.

The decorator was fluttering around on Saturday tending to last-minute details. There is no wallpaper now; the decorator said that is out. No chair rails, either. That's out, according to the decorator, so that saved Browns the cost of finished woodwork.

Shelly said the building is the same footprint as it was before the fire, but the back of the building is changed. Because the electrical fire started in the back and set the gas-filled vehicles in the garage on fire, the back had to be torn down to the ground.

Shelly said the fire marshal showed her where the electrical service arced from the fuse box. It would have cost \$250,000 more to rebuild an apartment over the garage, so they decided against that expense.

Shelly and her family, who lived in the apartment, lost all their possessions when the fire started on Aug. 5, 2012. The community came together and brought clothes and personal items for all six of them.

She said they put six tables up in the vacant florist shop across the street from the funeral home and sorted through all the donations for her, her companion, and four children. What they didn't need, they sent to Salvation Army and the Red Cross.

The florist building drew their interest and Shelly said it would be a great interim location for the funeral home. They moved in and were there for almost two full years. The parking is scant at the florist shop, but



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Shelly Brown and David C. Brown were working over the week end to get their refurbished funeral home in shape for clients and for the Aug. 3 open house. It's been almost two years since the fire that made the extensive renovations necessary. Behind them is the Howard Miller grandfather clock that was saved from the fire. The clock was given to David when he opened his funeral home in 1982 by Doug and Jan Baum, who ran Baum Funeral Home in Romulus, which is now Crane's.

people were able to use the funeral home parking across the street.

So, what took so long for the funeral home to be rebuilt? David said he has been asked that a lot over the two years.

It was money.

David said he had nonstop negotiations with the insurance company. When that didn't come up with enough money to do what was needed to rebuild, the Browns funded it themselves.

"We did everything to survive," Shelly said, adding, "We love this community. We are so thankful the community has continued to support us even though we had to move locations."

David said their local competition Higginson & Neal Funeral Home helped them out, as did Crane Funeral Home in

Romulus and for that they are grateful.

"So many friends in the community stepped forward and gave what they could," David said.

"We are in business to do funerals and honor somebody's life," Shelly said.

"We can't say enough about the community," David added. "No matter where we were, the people supported us."

David said the service hadn't waned at the temporary location, but actually got better, because they went to extra efforts to provide service so families would stay with them.

Shelly said the back of the refurbished funeral home building is rearranged, with a gathering room for families and a kitchenette for their use. Shelly said when they were in the temporary building,

David C. Brown Funeral Home Open House set for 1-6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3

families used the front area with tables to bring in food for mourners and so they felt they should provide a similar space in the refurbished building.

She said the five-car garage of the past has been cut down to three cars. The arrangement room/casket room is to the rear, with a partition inside.

The showing rooms have more comfortable seating for families but is in about the same configuration as before the fire. The sound system is upgraded, with wireless microphones. A one-way mirror in the back of the chapel allows the funeral to be monitored and music switched on more exactly. There is space in the back of the chapel if people want to videotape the service.

In the future, they will get the \$50,000 generator they would like and podcast or webcast facilities. The basics for those services are in place.

Although the building was handicapped-accessible before the fire, now that has been improved with wider doors and every door having a crash bar, so one can never be locked in. The door handles now are levers of polished nickel.

The parking lot has been resurfaced and the drainage improved, which David said makes it safer for people attending funerals. All the plumbing is underground and a larger water pipe services the building.

There were three furnaces in the building before the fire; now there are six. The heating and cooling units have more zones. When a large crowd attends a funeral the temperature in the room goes up and these units help with providing comfort.

There now is a fire alarm and security alarm by Wyandotte, who wired the building.

When the David C. Brown Funeral Home opened at this site in 1982, John Januszyk, owner of the Sumpter Roller Rink, was the first funeral.

Kayak launch

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will complete their review and make a recommendation.

Thompson said the DNR grant the city and DDA have necessitates building the project by 2016. That is without asking for an extension.

"I hope we can build in 2015," she said.

Thompson said Mayor Kerreen Conley and DDA chairman John Hoops signed an

agreement letter with Van Buren Township and a full packet went to the MDEQ. There may be a public hearing. After MDEQ approves the permit it will go to FERC, Thompson said.

Thompson said in January, 2012, "Everything was a go" and it continued that way until May, "and then they changed their mind," she said of the township.

"I can't understand," said vice chairman Gary Snarski. "We go to them, they approved, and now they've changed their

mind."

When asked who made the decision, Thompson said it was "an internal decision we're not a part of" and the change was decided on between the VBT supervisor's and planning offices.

"Three communities should be working together," Snarski continued. He said VBT surrounds the city of Belleville.

"We may lose that grant," he said.

Snarski said the project now is being decided by others, "While we sit here

sucking our thumb... I just hope they (VBT) don't ever have to come here" for an approval.

Thompson said she feels the DDA should notify the other partners who wrote letters supporting the project.

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said she's getting phone calls from people asking about the kayak launch and the DDA put up a wayfinding sign that says "kayak."

Thompson said they will have to figure

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OPINIONS

Editorial

VBT DDA decides to throw in \$2,000 for Booville

Although at a meeting in May the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority said, "Boo!" to Belleville's Booville request, it has relented.

At Tuesday afternoon's meeting, after a short discussion, the VBT DDA voted unanimously to take no more than \$2,000 out of the Belleville Road Streetscape line item to decorate the triangle of land at Quirk Road in a Harvest/Halloween theme during the month of October. That triangle had a great lighted Christmas decoration last winter, so there are hopes this new decoration will be stunning, as well.

Although in May the DDA wasn't interested, VBT DDA Director Susan Ireland brought it back to the DDA agenda on Tuesday because she thought it was a good idea to partner with a neighboring community. She presented a drawing of what it would look like.

It probably helps that Carol Thompson, who is VBT Planning commission chairwoman is coordinator of the Belleville DDA, one of the promoters of Booville.

Booville is turning into an explosion of activities set during the month of October in Belleville. The huge number of witches that filled the Fourth Street Square last fall inspired the Booville events which are being spearheaded by the Central Business Community and the Belleville DDA. There are more than 100 community events planned in Belleville this year. Get ready for Booville.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Anyone who has been scammed of \$5 by the lady in Sumpter Township who is going around asking for money for her dead daughter, please call the Sumpter Township police to get on the list of victims – 734-461-4833.

Officer Joseph Balowski has been able to figure out what's going on and the things the woman is saying aren't true. The daughter's death, for example, happened a few years ago.

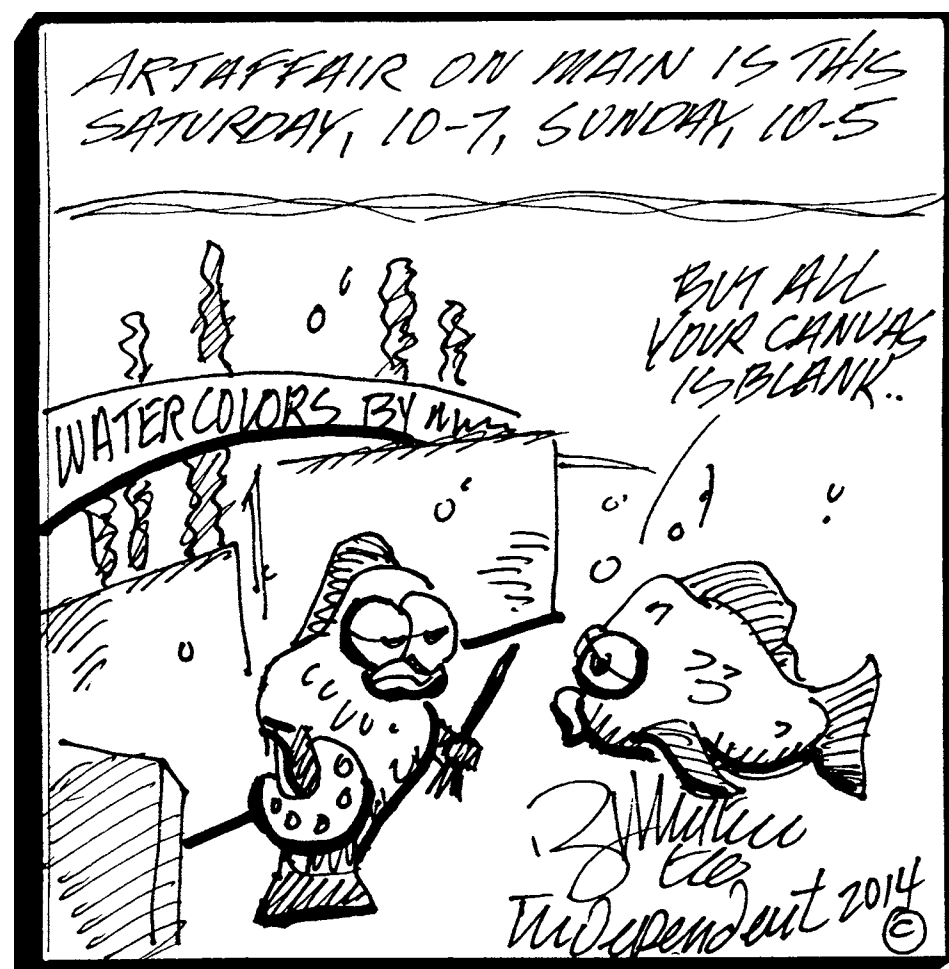
Although it's only \$5 here and there, it isn't right and Sumpter will be charging this woman.

A woman at Town & Country trailer park in Van Buren Township had 16 cats in her home when she went into a diabetic coma. Management let the cats out of her home.

The Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue Trap and Neuter program, which had neutered the cats, re-trapped the cats and took them to FMAR temporarily so they wouldn't starve. Trailer park residents weren't supposed to be feeding the fertile cats.

Kathy at FMAR said the woman is back home now and she has no problem with letting FMAR find homes for her cats, which are aged 4-20. Kathy said she would like to find homes for the cats who are all calicos and tortoise shells. She said they are beautiful. If you would like more information, call FMAR at 734-461-9458.

Sumpter Township Police Captain Eric Luke announced at a recent township board meeting that the six new emergency sirens are now up and operational and everyone in the township should now be able to hear



the warnings.

He said there now are a total of 14 sirens and the township is being reimbursed for them through a Homeland Security grant.

Before he headed out to his blueberry patch to pick his bumper crop of blueberries on Monday morning, a Van Buren Township reader sent me a chart from that day's *Detroit Free Press*.

It shows that in the Van Buren Public Schools district, the two mills of RESA millage for six years will bring in \$2,913,574 a year from this district and the school district will get only \$1,951,696 of that.

He points out that means the taxpayers in our school district will be paying about a million dollars more than the school district will be getting back. The county-wide proposal if passed county-wide will tax the whole county and divide the total \$80.9 million tax among the school districts according to enrollment.

The Van Buren School Board voted in favor of the tax proposal that will be on the Aug. 5 ballot. Twelve Wayne County school districts voted against putting it on the ballot or didn't vote at all.

The Detroit School District will get about \$3.9 million more than its taxpayers are paying in. We've had several of our readers calling in to protest that situation.

Get out and vote against it on Aug. 5 if you don't like it or for it, if you do.

A lady who lives on Belleville Road near Belle Tire is worried about the ducks crossing busy Belleville Road with their young ones in tow. She has watched the ducks cross twice a day and all the confusion it causes on the road, with people stopping and others not seeing why they are stopping and driving around them. She found a dead duck on the side of the road.

The woman said she called Van Buren Township, which said it doesn't handle ducks, and Wayne County, also to no avail.

She thought a short article in the *Independent* might remind drivers to beware of the ducks in that area.

At Monday's City Council meeting, Councilman Tom Fielder (who also happens to be president of the Historical Society) said at the recent appraisal fair to benefit the museum, appraiser Doug Dalton found a 1936 first edition of "Gone With the Wind" signed by Margaret Mitchell. The signature will be validated.

Fielder also said a tin advertising panel from somebody's garage was found to have a value of \$5,000.

The appraisal fair earned from \$1,200 to \$1,500 for the museum, Fielder said.



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Letters

I prefer to spend my money my way not yours

To the Editor:

If we had followed the plan, 4 years ago we would have had a new library, not a mansion by a lake, but a new library nonetheless. But in the time, up to now we have had a "leader" whom has railed and fought the public tooth and nail, to give us no other option, as the design on the lake was going to be the design all along, but to swallow the bill for a huge undertaking, we can't afford at this place in time, let alone the price of this palace on the water.

In the past few weeks, I have spoken to many people. Most oppose such a money pit, but alas, I have found a few I thought educated folk, whom like the new library design. So, I had to ask, what, why and how, do you feel that way? "It's pretty" or it is "beautiful"; neither of which gives a good reason, other than appearance of the building.

Which, of course, is what most of the "supporters" of the library have already said, in the media, time and time again. There has never been any real practical reason for the idea, just that we "need" a beautiful building, a legacy, something to look at.

I have yet to hear, from the supporters, a viable reason, money wise, why we need this to be built. Why? It's simple; "other people's money."

Why wouldn't a 2-5 million dollar, practical building and filled will all the devices the supporters are desiring? Many of the things the supporters are asking for, for inside the building, makes sense and I can agree on, but my TAX dollars, can't fathom or justify a mega building, at this time, when communities are struggling for monies, lower property values and rising debt. As has been reported here and

elsewhere, we already have too many bonds (DIA, ZOO, Wayne County Jail, etc.) that we had shoved down our throats and with many other bonds falling due (Visteon, etc.) having yet another bond attached to my taxes, I don't want or support, chaffs my behind.

Build a library, fill it with books, media and social centers; just don't build a building to "fill"; "right size" the building and the "bill" we have to pay. What the supporters fail to realize, the other peoples' money, happens to be my money too; I prefer to spend my money, my way not yours.

Bob Balderston
Belleville

Please make this great plan happen on Aug. 5

To the Editor:

The Belleville area, comprised of Belleville, Van Buren and Sumpter Townships, is considering a major expansion of the main library and creation of a south satellite library for our citizens and requires a fine school system and great library if it is to thrive in the years ahead.

We recently did the renovation and expansion of our high school and a host of excellent new programs in our schools at all levels. We are very proud of this progress in our community and want to continue doing what will keep our community vibrant for not only now but for many years ahead.

Our library needs to grow, as well, to meet all the demands the community, particularly our students, put upon it in terms of a research resource, and use of the computers and internet and a variety of reading programs, some of which are designed to prevent student regression during the summer.

Thanks to the diligent work of our Library Board we have an excellent plan for filling these needs. We will have a vote to make this a reality on Aug 5th. Please help make this great plan happen.

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More Letters

I will not be voting for the new library

To the Editor:

I will not be voting for the new library. Before anyone says I'm not for the kids, I love kids. I just cannot afford it. I got out my last year tax bill to see what I was paying for various things and was shocked at the many things I have to pay for now. And, you want more from me?

You have a new high school and I know the people who send their kids there have a high tax on their bill to pay for it. That was a need. This is not a need, but a mere want. I ask you to take out your tax bill and look at it for taxes are on the rise. If you want to pay more on your taxes, more power to you, but some of us silent people say enough is enough.

Even renters will have to pay more when you raise the taxes because the owners have to raise their rates to offset their higher taxes.

Why can't they add a second floor to the building and do some upgrades? It would be cheaper than the \$19 million plus they want now.

This is a want, not a need.

Glenda J. Jones
Sumpter Township



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Obituaries



Morris Junior Adkins



MORRIS JUNIOR ADKINS

(November 27, 1926 - July 16, 2014)

Morris Junior Adkins, of Chelsea, Michigan, age 87, passed away on Wednesday, July 16, 2014, at the Presidential Caregivers assisted living facility in Ypsilanti. He was born on November 27, 1926, in Dyersburg, Tennessee.

Morris had served in the United States Navy during World War II in Guam. He was assigned to the USS Indianapolis which was sunk and had only 300 survivors. He had a fever the day the ship was to sail and was instead kept in the infirmary. All of his fellow shipmates from boot camp died. He went to school though the eighth grade but had to quit to help his family on the farm. That commitment to family never changed, and he was primary caregiver for his wife Ethel for many years.

Surviving are children Joel Adkins, Marsha Bartley, Sharon (Ron) Martinsky, Carolyn (Joe) Himes, Howard (Dale) Henegar, and son-in-law Dennis Melosh; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his wife of almost 40 years, Ethel; his parents, Ruby Mae Owen and William Adkins; four brothers and two sisters; and his eldest daughters, Jeanie Melosh and Nancy Adkins.

A Funeral Service was held at 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 19, 2014, at the Faith Baptist Church, Chelsea, with Pastor Adam Summers officiating. Visitation was at the church from 3 p.m. until the time of service. Burial took place at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Faith Baptist Church. Arrangements by Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea.



Lavina Katherine Neinas

LAVINA KATHERINE NEINAS

(July 17, 1914 - July 19, 2014)

Mrs. Lavina Katherine Neinas passed away Saturday, July 19, 2014 at Ashford Court Assisted Living Home in Westland. She was born July 17, 1914 in Detroit, MI, a daughter of Andrew August and Elizabeth (Martin) Kammer.

She was married on July 29, 1936 to Clarence Eric Neinas in Monroe County. They spent most of their married life in Detroit. They then lived in Pinconning, MI during part of their retirement years.

Mr. Neinas preceded her in death on March 21, 1998. Mrs. Neinas was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Pinconning, MI where she sang in the choir. She was devoted to her family and enjoyed cooking and baking for them. Mrs. Neinas was a loving caregiver to her parents and husband prior to their deaths.

Mrs. Neinas is survived by her loving sons Dr. Frederick (Charlotte) Neinas and Dr. Leslie (Linda Luke) Neinas. She was the fond grandmother of 6 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her daughter Joan Herlitz and her sister Elizabeth Buswell.

Visitation was held on Sunday, July 20, 2014 from 2-4 p.m. with the funeral services at 4 p.m. at the Higginson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main St., Belleville (734-697-9400). Burial took place on Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at 12 Noon at Cadillac Memorial Gardens East, Clinton Township, MI. The family suggested memorial contributions to Lutheran High School Association, 6250 18½ Mile Rd., Sterling Heights, MI 48314.



On Sunday, July 20, a memorial service was held at the gazebo in Mission Pointe on Belleville Lake for Bill Placek, Sr. Mr. Placek had been a resident of Cedar Woods. Born March 10, 1922 in Hamtramck, he passed away July 16, 2014 in Van Buren Township at the age of 92. He was the beloved husband of Helen for 66 years, father of Maryann Mullahy of Mission Pointe, Bill Jr., and Bruce Placek, formerly of Lake Pointe Pass. He was grandfather of Eric, Heather and Kelly. A proud Marine during World War II, Bill was honored with a formal flag presentation and salute at noon Sunday on the lake.

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Vote NO, NO, NO on August 5!

To the Editor:

Normally I would ignore attempts at being a "Logophile," but this one was great. I am still trying to figure out how one pluralizes an adjective -- *ultracrepidarian* -- when the word should have been the noun "*ultracrepidates*."

FACT CHECK #1: M.J. is correct! "There was never any thought given by the library board to design or construct a 'pedestrian bridge' over Belleville Road." I apologize for the misuse of terminology and confusing a *pedestrian crossing* with a *bridge crossing* for SAFETY. On "Dec. 30, 2013 Building Committee of the Belleville Area District Library met for almost three hours ... Pedestrian crossing, Whisler discussed the possibilities of a pedestrian crossing across Belleville Road by the satellite parking lot on the Spencer property, 'We can get funding from the DDA if everyone thinks that's a good idea,' he said adding if people are coming to the library from the north they won't want to walk all the way to the Quirk Road traffic signal to cross. He said maybe the pedestrian crossing could be closer to Harmony Lane."

Is this a joke? Are you serious about considering "pedestrian markings" across Belleville Road -- get the DDA to pay the exorbitant (?) amount for the markings -- with the amount of traffic YOUR study provided, and the ignored speed limits, and the limited visibility? A **CROSSING** just 150 feet north of the proposed traffic light? A pedestrian **CROSSING** across an Urban Minor Arterial FOUR lanes wide seems preposterous to me.

In "fact," there is not one non-signalized "pedestrian crossing" -- going north -- from Roys Street in Belleville through the Ford Road intersection in Canton. (I did not consider beyond that point.) In fact, the only non-signalized pedestrian crossings from Sumpter north are in Belleville (who has resorted to a small "its state law..." sign at Fourth Street. This is tantamount to an additional traffic stoppage not just the one proposed at Quirk & Belleville Roads,

or TWO additional.

There has not been a pedestrian crossing from the mall to Harmony Lane in all of these years and now you are considering this for a library and "...get funding from the DDA ..." to paint lines, put up signs, or is it a pedestrian crossing light? Sorry, but common sense tells me, and many others, that this concept is flawed, not safety oriented, and "pie-in-the-sky" dreaming. Small wonder I confused the terms "Pedestrian Crossing" with "Pedestrian Bridge Crossing."

FACT CHECK #2: The DNR property purchase and restricted use appeared to be more of an attempt by DNR to keep this property an unkempt perpetual wasteland. Are you telling us that "... **30 years ago** ..." the DNR had in mind a library, city hall, township hall, police station, fire station, etc. for this property use? None of these entities would qualify -- including the library -- if there were NO fishing accommodations, i.e. "... recreational access to Belleville Lake."

Therefore, according to my *ultracrepidarian* perception, the "fishing people" facility is NOT an ancillary or adjunct to the library as presented to the public, but an integral part to the whole concept! The DNR has agreed to "... funding to build the recreational components ..." and we the taxpayers are going to maintain it.

As for the definition of said *ultracrepidate* = to go beyond one's sphere or province to presume. I would not consider my writing to you as presumptuous, as an *ultracrepidarian* critic, for I do try to check and double check my information and if there is problem with my analysis, well that is one of the things for which I and others fought in a war. I think we would refer to it as FREEDOM OF SPEECH (without liable).

VOTE NO, NO, NO Aug. 5th!

Cornell Anton, Jr.
Belleville

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To the Editor:

Did you know?

Did you know that libraries are one of the last bastions of equal access to all? In

the current day when wealthier individuals can pay for better education, better health care, better housing, better retirement, better internet, etc., the library provides the same service to rich and poor, young and old, healthy and infirm, educated and illiterate. In this community we have people in trailers and people in million dollar homes. Libraries are the great equalizer of resources to everyone.

Did you know the proposed main library is only 3/10ths of a mile from downtown, 7-minute walk, 2-minute bike ride, 1-minute drive from downtown, and visible from downtown?

Did you know that the proposed main library is 15,000 sq. ft. less than Ypsilanti District Library-Whittaker Road library, 8,000 sq. ft. less than Canton Public Library? The proposed main library is not a "palace," but is sized for THIS community for the long-term.

Did you know that the library board had a traffic study done to address concerns about the proposed library's entrance on a curved road? Did you know the traffic study was done, and despite the word from folks who think they are better traffic professionals, the trained and licensed professionals did not see a problem with the ingress/egress but recommended an actuated traffic light to address concerns?

Did you know that the claims that the library board's proposals are "selling Sumpter short" is misinformation? Not only do Sumpter residents have access to the proposed main branch like everyone else in the three municipalities, they will

have a full-functioning satellite branch in their own backyard!

Did you know that the proposed library includes an investment in closed-loop geothermal energy? Geothermal energy has been around for more than 100 years and is the most reliable, sustainable, cost-effective ways to heat and cool a building over time. Because it's a closed loop system, it will not impact Belleville Lake in any way. It will pay for itself in 1/2 the life of the bond and keep on going over the life of the building.

Did you know that if you have a home with a taxable value of \$100k (worth approx. \$200k), you would pay \$96 per year for the 20 year library building bond and \$108 for the additional operating millage? If you borrow ONE (1!) blockbuster DVD or hardcover book per month, you will receive back the value of the cost of your library tax dollars. There are services we pay for that we hope to never use but we're glad they're there: police and fire

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are an example. Your library tax dollar is the opposite, the more you use it, the more value you are receiving, while also increasing the value of your home, value to your family, value to the community.

Did you know the tri-community area has historically never paid for a library building with tax dollars? Unlike most libraries, the current library building was paid for with gifts and grants. It is dated, crowded and can't provide the services the public is asking for such as meeting rooms, more materials, more ebooks, more computers, more computer classes, more, more, more! We have waited a long, long time to have an option vote to vote for more!

Did you know that on Aug. 5th, a "Yes" vote for the library bond and a "Yes" vote for the additional operating millage is a "Yes" vote for this community moving into the future? I'm voting for the future and I hope you are too!

Joy Cichewicz, Belleville Area District Library Board member
and Sumpter Township resident

Artaffair on Main is coming July 26, 27

To the Editor:

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts is proud to present the Fourth Annual *Artaffair on Main*, Saturday, July 26, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, July 27, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Belleville's traditional, tree-lined Downtown provides the perfect venue for a late July fine art, craft and entertainment extravaganza. Belleville's own renowned artist Tim Marsh will again be joining us as well as many other near-local artists like Ypsilanti native Vicki Meyer with her imaginative yard art and not-so-near artists like Ohio native Lenny Putz and his beautiful photography.

ArtAffair on Main 2014 will, of course, offer a food court featuring a variety of sandwiches, rib plates and the enticing Palazzolo's Gelato truck.

New for 2014, *ArtAffair on Main* is thrilled to be partnering with the Detroit Institute of Arts in offering a drop-in workshop which will feature DIA-guided projects for our guests to create and take home with them. We will also be joined by the ever popular Wine and Canvas Ann Arbor who will expertly guide visitors in creating beautiful paintings of their own. Both of these amazing creative offerings will be provided free of charge to our guests.

ArtAffair on Main 2014 will also include our hugely popular Main Stage. Whatever your taste in music, you're sure to find something to thrill your ears with this year's amazing line-up which features Detroit legend Thornetta Davis! Thornetta will be gracing our Main Stage on Saturday at 6 p.m. Ann Arbor-based folk singing great Abigail Stauffer opens our Saturday schedule at 12 p.m. and will be followed at 2:30 p.m. by piano player extraordinaire Matthew Ball. Sunday we begin at 1 p.m. with Ypsilanti's Voices in Harmony a cappella phenoms and Belleville's own awesome Machine Gun Kelly Band join us at 3 p.m. for our final performance.

Artaffair on Main is a juried show, offering only the highest quality hand-crafted items for sale. Participation in each accepted genre (drawing, jewelry, photography, etc.) is limited to insure a well-balanced show.

With such offerings as the ever-popular summer Music Lakeside series, community art shows and numerous other artistic endeavors, The Belleville Area Council for the Arts (BACA) has been successfully bringing the arts to the Tri-Community area for over 20 years.

More information about *Artaffair on Main*, as well as all the other BACA presentations can be found at bellevilleartscouncil.org.

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"Study the past, if you would
divine the future."

— Confucius

The correct information on Fairgrounds

To the Editor:

Subject: Rebuttal of Mr. Nieland's incorrect statements (letter to editor, July 10)

I have lived across from the Wayne County Fairgrounds for over 40 years on McBride Ave. and have experienced many Exhibitions, Fairs, Rodeos, Monster Trucks, Demolition Derbies, etc. We have dust from the road created by vehicles using the McBride Gate instead of the Quirk Gate in our homes, we have had vehicles leaving the grounds tear up one of my neighbors' lawn and ditch on the way out. They stage all the vehicles in front of our homes, inside their fence, revving their engines so you can't hear yourself think, not to mention the smells. So, no, I don't feel sorry for them at all. They have proved to us they have no respect for any of us or our rights.

While most of these events have caused discomfort for my family and my neighbors we have remained in our homes which is our right and complained to the proper authorities as required by law.

Now things have come to a head because we are being exposed to levels of noise greater than ever before which destroy our right to enjoy peace and tranquility in the homes we bought for that purpose, to be able to sit in or out of our homes and have intelligent conversations with whomever is there. No one has the right to tell me to leave my home so someone else can make a profit at our expense. The person suggests that we should close our windows on 90 degree days or leave town. I wonder what he would do if it was his windows that were vibrating or family gatherings ruined because you could not concentrate or enjoy your guests because of the ongoing beating of the base drum or amplifier coming from the Fairgrounds.

The last Festival-Rodeo-Concert was supposed to bring in 1,400 people and actually had over 4,000 in the Fairgrounds. Now, how do you think the officers assigned to that event felt knowing they could not possibly control that crowd? And, their life would be in jeopardy if they had to try? ALL FOR SOMEONE ELSE'S PROFIT!

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The concerned residents have been working with the township to resolve our problems. We invite anyone who is interested to join us.

Opinion: I doubt any local merchants saw their retail sales climb as the promoter had his own concession stands at these events, including beer.

Rick Edwards
McBride Ave. resident
Email: rledwa41@sbcglobal.net

Dog doodoo and the RESA millage

To the Editor:

I believe the lady, who thought the doodoo in front of the high school was from dogs, might be mistaken. I believe it is from the geese that swim in the mosquito-breeding ponds in front of the high school.

And speaking of doodoo, I have been reading with interest about the RESA millage. I find that they do not tell you what they will spend the money on ... only what they MIGHT spend it on ... so they could spend it on ... raises for the admin. people ... cars to transport the bosses to and from their important jobs ... trips to warm places in the winter for meetings ...

If I understand it right, we will give them \$1.00 ... and because we are such nice people ... they will give us 70 cents back to spend as the school board sees fit.

Now I know what a great job the Detroit school board has done with the peoples' money. No scandal there ... and we are going to give them our money to spend as they have in the past?

If you really want to help someone give me your money. I will then give my wife 70 cents of every dollar for her to spend as she sees fit and I will spend my share on important things, like a new car, trip to Hawaii, a new bike.

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Keystone Academy Board approves amending charter contract

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

An amendment of the charter contract with National Heritage Academy (NHA) that would give Keystone Academy some flexibility in testing was unanimously approved by the Keystone board of directors at its regular meeting July 10.

Absent was board member Bill Johnson.

Board President Vesta Losen said she hates to take away teaching time for testing – and there is so much testing.

NHA is giving the school flexibility in the testing, said Keystone Principal Keturah Godfrey.

Chris Caulk of NHA explained that the ACT Explore test is going away in Michigan and everyone is trying to figure out what the state is going to be doing about required tests.

Principal Godfrey said in the spring of 2015 there will be a MEAP test aligned with Common Core.

She said the state is moving toward electronic testing, but paper and pencil will be available.

President Losen and Vice President Amy Gusfa recounted stories of electronic freezing and hacking of electronic tests.

Caulk said the new agreement allows Keystone to opt out of certain tests.

Godfrey said it takes the school three weeks to take the NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) tests and the new agreement with NHA gives Keystone greater flexibility.

She said teachers do use the results of the NWEA testing and the MEAP test is high-stakes.

She said Keystone will make sure it is assessing its students because they do need baseline data.

Also during the 45-minute meeting, the board:

- Watched board members Amy Gusfa and Vesta Losen get sworn in for additional three-year terms to expire in June of 2017;
- Approved amending a slight detail for the 2014-15 school calendar. The school year starts for students on Sept. 2 and now ends with a half day on June 12;
- Received and discussed the auditor planning communication from Plante

Moran. Board Treasurer Carol Manley noted that the board doesn't have control over management because of the structure of the school contract;

- Tabled a discussion on the proposed 2014-15 Board Fund Budget;

- Heard a report from Principal Godfrey that included announcement of a growing population – now 32 -- of Romanian students. Consultants will be coming in to help the school teach them;

- Heard President Losen mention that two years ago the NWEA scores were better than now. Principal Godfrey said that was before Common Core. She said Keystone nearly is back to where it was two years ago with its test results, but now they are using the tougher tests;

- Heard Godfrey report that attendance was 85% for the extra week at the end of the school year necessary because of snow days;

- Heard Godfrey report at the National Junior Honor Society induction they had, briefly, 92 NJHS members. There were 51 graduating from eighth grade and 41 new members;

- Heard Godfrey announce that there will be a new part-time at-risk social worker and a new part-time at-risk math specialist. Also a 6th grade teacher left to work in an Ypsilanti-area NHA school because she wanted to teach more at-risk students. Ellen Poole was hired to teach seventh-grade math. Godfrey said once everything is settled down and they are fully staffed, with an end of July goal, the staff changes will be communicated to the parents; and

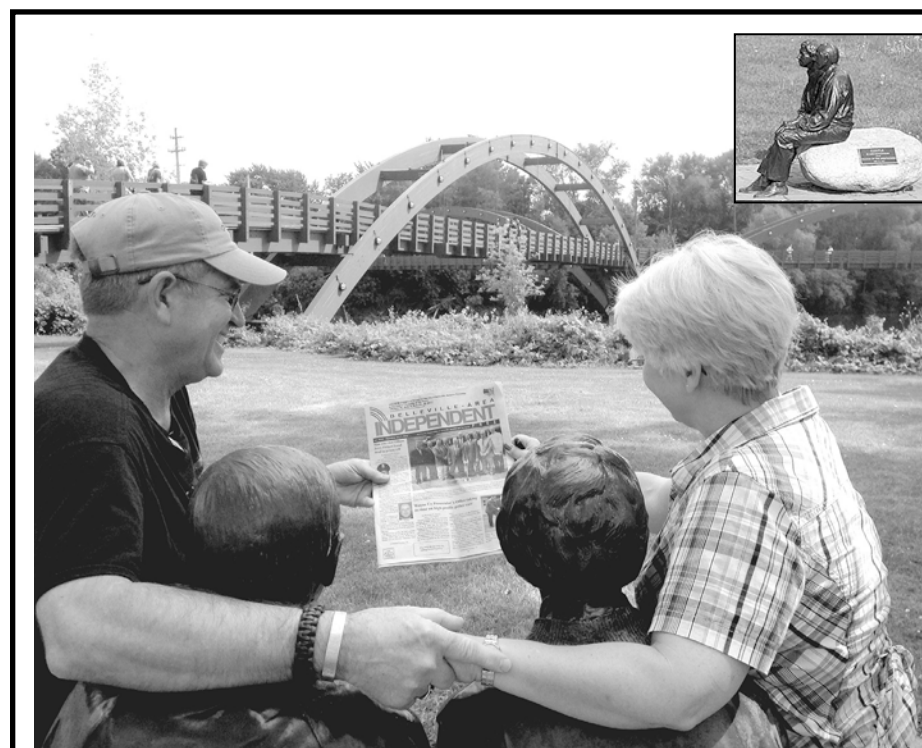
- Heard Godfrey describe what is being done to work on the Focus School designation. She said the state won't let the school know how it's doing until August.



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Amy Gusfa, left, and Vesta Losen were sworn into additional three-year terms on the Keystone Academy Board of Directors to expire in June of 2017 at the board meeting on July 10. Board secretary Susan Meland swore them in. Losen currently serves as board president and Gusfa is vice president.

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24 candidates show up for Meet the Candidates session

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Two dozen candidates for office turned out for the Belleville Area Women's Club Meet the Candidates night at the Moose Lodge on July 9.

This was two days before the official grand opening of the Moose Lodge's new location in the former PNA Hall in Sumpter Township and members of the community voiced compliments on how the Moose had redecorated the facility.

Kathie Steigerwald thanked the Moose for furnishing the meeting space to the Women's Club without charge. Also, she thanked Walmart for the cheese and meat tray and women club members for making cookies.

The first order of business was to sing Happy Birthday to You to club member Sophie Zoller.

Then they got down to the business of meeting the candidates.

A large crowd listened intently to the candidates, clapped at various remarks, and wrote questions to submit to the master of ceremonies to ask the candidates. But at the end of the session, many of the written questions were left unasked.

The candidates sat at a series of long tables with traveling microphones and each gave a three-minute talk, introducing themselves and explaining their platforms.

Then some questions were asked by master of ceremonies Randy Brown from cards filled out by members of the audience. Steigerwald helped him with the questions. Janet Millard held up yellow, then red, cards to alert the speakers that their times were up.

Some of the candidates at the event will not be on the Aug. 5 ballot, but will be on the Nov. 4 ballot.

From left around the long tables were:

- A representative of **Gary Peters**, Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate. (She introduced herself only as Anna);
- Independent candidate for U.S. Senate **Jeff Jones**;
- Libertarian nominee for U.S. Senate **Jim Fulner**;
- Republican candidate for U.S. Congress **Terry Bowman**;



Photos by Rosemary K. Oztman

34th District Court Judge David Parrott, who is running for reelection, moved away from prepared remarks to speak extemporaneously to those gathered at the recent Meet the Candidate Night at the Moose Lodge in Sumpter Township. Two dozen candidates, most on the Aug. 5 primary ballot, attended the session. From left are Ray Mullins, Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate; Travis Gonyeau, representing Debbie Dingell, Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate; emcee Randy Brown; Judge Parrott; incumbent Democratic State Rep. Bill LaVoy, running for reelection; and Republican candidate for State Rep. Charles Londo.



Among those waiting for their chance to speak were, from left, Natalie Mosher and Kristy Pagan, Democratic candidates for State Representative; Carol Ann Fausone, Republican candidate for State Representative; Cornell Mathis, Democratic candidate for State Representative; and Kevin McNamara and Bob Ficano, Democratic candidates for Wayne County Executive.

- Democratic candidate for U.S. Congress **Ray Mullins**;
- Travis Gonyeau, a representative of **Debbie Dingell**, Democratic candidate for U.S. Congress;

- Democratic incumbent **Bill LaVoy**, state representative for the Sumpter Township area;

- Republican candidate **Charles Londo** running for state representative for the Sumpter Township area;

- Democratic candidate for state representative for Belleville and Van Buren area, **Natalie Mosher**;

- Democratic candidate for state representative for Belleville and Van Buren area, **Kristy Pagan**;

- Republican candidate for state representative for Belleville and Van Buren area **Carol Ann Fausone**;

- Democratic candidate for state representative for the Belleville and Van Buren area, **Cornell Mathis**;

- Democratic candidate for Wayne County Executive, **Kevin McNamara**;

- Democratic candidate for Wayne County Executive, incumbent **Bob Ficano**;

- Democratic candidate for Wayne County Executive, **Phil Cavanaugh**;

- Michelle Wild, sister of Democratic candidate for Wayne County Executive, **Bill Wild**;

- Democratic candidate for Wayne County Commissioner **Jeremy Cady**;

- Democratic candidate for Wayne County Commissioner **Al Haidous**;

- Candidate for Wayne County Probate Judge **Ron Mitchell**, who was suddenly unopposed in the primary election;

- 34th District Court Judge **David Parrott**, who is running for reelection to the six-year term;

- 34th District Court Judge candidate **Lisa Martin**;

- 34th District Court Judge candidate **Charles Septowski**;

- Green Party candidate for U.S. Senate, **Chris Wahmhoff** (who came in late and was at the wrong end of the table); and

- Green Party candidate for Lt. Governor **Candace Caveny**.

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VBT Planners consider plans for Boughan's Haunted Hayride event

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

David Boughan said he wants to put in a Haunted Hayrides of Fright event at his property at 15851 Martinsville Road in an attempt to bring something fun and good to the community and to save his farm so he can turn it over to his children in the future.

Boughan told the Van Buren Township Planning Commission at its meeting on July 9 that his family has raised Christmas trees on the property since 1942. He said Christmas tree sales have fallen, so he is growing pumpkins.

Boughan said he started planting Christmas trees, but then had a major stroke the first year. He lost 3 ½ years of planting.

"I'm disabled and handicapped," he said.

Boughan said he has a friend who is a retired ICE officer who trained his safety people and is present whenever he is open.

"I'm just trying to bring something fun and good to the community," Boughan said. "I have a dream it could be expanded to the township... Something like a Strawberry Festival for the township because I think the township could benefit from it."

Boughan had to come to the township for approval because he wants to hold it beyond the two consecutive weekends allowed as a right in the zoning ordinance for temporary land use.

The property is located on the east side of Martinsville Road between Hull and Fret roads.

He and his wife explained how the hayrides would work and how the drive in goes by the pumpkin patch, which closes at dusk.

He showed the route of the 20-minute hayride which uses fire lanes from his grandparents' tree farm. He said they lanes are solid and don't get soupy. He said he has cleared all but 7 ½ acres and wanted to go back to Christmas tree farming.

They tried the hayrides last year and were going to do a corn maze this year but waited too late this year. Next year they plan to do it.

"We want to try the hayride and the reason is to get people to come out and pick pumpkins," he said.

He said last year some people visiting from Indianapolis came out and then they went home and brought four other families with them for the hayride.

Boughan said there are 25-30 people who work at the hayride. "Some are volunteers and some I actually pay," he said.

He figures he could service 2,500 people a night.

"I want a family event. I don't want it scary and gorish," he said, adding he thinks some rides go too far.

"Sounds like a lot of fun," said Commission

chairwoman Carol Thompson.

"No smoking or drinking is permitted," he said.

Boughan said they had a wonderful year last year and their biggest night was 2,300 people.

Jerry Ruble said he owns nine acres north of Boughan's place and he was the volunteer tractor driver last year and enjoyed the event. He said he doesn't go for haunted stuff, but he drove in circles and watched the people have fun.

"This is a young family trying to cut a living out of their lives in your township," said Ruble. "He's handicapped and keeps on giving ... If you can help him, please do."

Boughan was asked to tell about the noise.

"As to the noise, I added 20% human, 80% scare, and 0% boredom," Boughan began. He said he dressed people up as moonshiners and they would call people on the wagons "revenuers" and shoot off shotguns that only shoot blanks at them.

Then there was a clown area with a cover to give the illusion of a big top tent. Dummies would come to life and there is a chain saw.

"One of my biggest hits," he said.

Boughan said years ago they put on a hayride at the family farm and he was put in charge. He said the best way to scare

people is to change what's going on in their minds.

He said he turns his workers into actors and tries to give people an amusement and an act.

"Some rides overdo it," he said. "People get tired of the gore."

He said there were people who came out from Detroit who only knew the city. They would bring their picnic baskets and eat and stay all day.

"I had to run them off because after dark they got lost," Boughan said.

He said the farm's Boughan's hayride of Fright website is offline right now but Officer Burns is helping with it and it should be on line again shortly.

The commission will vote on Boughan's plans at its next meeting July 23.

Atchinson's Used Car Dealership

In other business at the 44-minute meeting, the commission approved the final site plan for the Atchinson Used Car Dealership upgrade at 9700 Belleville Road.

Wayde Hoppe gave some last-minute changes to the plans and said they were happy to learn that the brick used on the Atchinson new car dealership is still being made and they will be able to get it for the used car building so everything matches.

He said all the glazing and doors will be new on the used car building and everything will match the original Atchinson building.

VBPS Director of Instruction says BHS student scores are rising

By Rosemary K. Otzman
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The Van Buren Public Schools Director of Instruction told school board members that the district is on "a good chase to meet the state level" and she's "hoping to get above state soon."

Diane Kullis presented the school board with two charts comparing the 2013-14 Michigan Merit Exam (MME) and ACT scores with Belleville High School scores at Monday's regular meeting.

The MME scores were released by the Michigan Department of Education on July 7.

The MME shows BHS is not at the state average in any of the categories, but students have increased scores higher than statewide in math, science, and writing.

"We still are having to work on reading and social studies," Kullis said, adding statewide students increased their writing skills by 2% from 2012-13 to 2013-14 and BHS students increased their skills by 6% during that time.

Kullis said this means the BHS students will "catch up faster."

She said, "This year our big push is science." She said BHS is looking for a collaboration with one of the universities to better utilize the new science equipment at BHS. She said they also are working on social studies.

The chart show BHS math scores at 16% (compared to statewide at 29%); reading

at 53% (state 59%); science at 16% (state 28%); social studies at 34% (state 44%); and writing at 42% (state 51%).

The ACT breakdown showed BHS below the state in every category, as well, but moving upward at a faster rate. She pointed out 5.1% of the BHS students are doing better in English than they were the previous school year. Statewide 56.8% of students met proficiency in English, up from 56.3% the previous school year and at BHS it was 50.2%, up from 45.1% the previous year.

"We're heading in the right direction," said board treasurer Sherry Frazier. "I would like to see some work on science. I would think some university would like to get in the Einstein Room and maximize its use."

Kullis said there is an elementary school mandate that they concentrate on science and social studies.

"This speaks volumes for where we were a few short years ago," said Trustee Scott Russell. "Nice work."

In other business at Monday's meeting, the board:

- Heard a report on the more than 20 board policies that need updating to comply with state statutes, plus some new policies. Trustee Russell gave a summary of all the changes. This was considered the first reading of the changes and at the August meeting the board will have the second reading and expected approval. Russell offered to sit down with anyone who wanted details on the changes;
- Approved the resignations of Megan

Holmes, after two years at BHS for other endeavors, and Karensa Smith, principal of Rawsonville Elementary for four years, to work for the Romulus Schools;

- Approved the retirement of Mary Beagan of Edgemont Elementary after 16.5 years;

- Approved employment of Elizabeth Bull-Davie as a teacher at BHS, recalled; and new hire Evaristo Rodriguez to teach at McBride;

- Approved resignations of Matthew Rodriguez, a tech specialist for 1.5 years, for other employment; and Kelli Taylor, from food service after 7.5 years;

- Approved retirements of bus driver Karen Krzaczkowski after 12 years; and BHS

secretary Penny Young after 27 years;

- Heard board vice president Martha Toth give an update on legislation having to do with education. She led the meeting since president Brent Mikulski did not attend the meeting;

- Heard School Supt. Michael Van Tassel say he is putting a team together to talk about the expiration of the sinking fund millage in 2015. He said the board will discuss it at its August work/study session because the board will need to make a decision on what it wants to do; and

- Went into closed-door session for the quarterly evaluation discussion on the superintendent.

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George Eddie Long III

George Long graduates from Cooley Law School

George Eddie Long III of Van Buren Township received a Juris Doctor degree May 18 during commencement exercises for the Thomas Todd Class of the Thomas M. Cooley Law School at the Breslin Center in East Lansing.

Each class at Cooley Law School bears the name of a distinguished member of the legal profession. This class was named in honor of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thomas Todd (1765-1826).

He is a 1983 graduate of Romulus High School and a U.S. Army veteran. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from University of Phoenix. He was on the Cooley Dean's List every semester.

Long and his wife Tori have five children: Jamica Thomas, George Eddie Long IV, Jazzmin Long, Jaxon Long, and Journy Long. He also has a daughter Brittany Clark of Wayne.

He has been working at Michigan Assembly Plant in Wayne, formerly called Michigan Truck Plant, for 26 years.

Long took his vacation time from the plant to study for the bar exam in Lansing on July 26.



Bennie J. Leonard, II

Bennie J. Leonard II earns ITT Assoc. Degree in Drafting, Design

Bennie J. Leonard II of Washington Township earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in the School of Drafting and Design at ITT Technical Institute.

Leonard served as class speaker for the School of Drafting and Design at ITT Commencement Ceremonies June 29.

Leonard served in the U.S. Navy for 23 years and retired as Chief Petty Officer in January, 2012.

He is a 1988 graduate of Airport Community School in Carleton. He has been married for 23 years to Shonece Chatman. They have two children, James and Alysse. He currently is employed with FORZ Automation, as an Autodesk Designer.

He is the son of Bennie and Jewel Leonard of Sumpter Township. His sister is Serita Leonard.



Courtnee Ravyn Johnson

Courtnee Ravyn Johnson graduates from Oakland University

Courtnee Ravyn Johnson of Belleville graduated with a Bachelor in Arts and Science from Oakland University in three years.

She has been accepted in the Counseling Graduate Program at Oakland University. She accomplished this while playing OU softball and working.

Courtnee, who graduated from Romulus High School in 2011, is the daughter of Robyn Johnson of Belleville.



Airman Donte T. Nelson

Airman Donte Nelson graduates from basic training in Texas

Air Force Airman Donte T. Nelson graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Nelson is the son of Jessie and Angela Nelson of Belleville and a 2010 graduate of Belleville High School.

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• **Friday, July 25** – Friends Family Drive-in Theater FREE Movie Night at dusk, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road, at Bemis, in Ypsilanti. "Theo: God's Truth" and "God's NOT Dead." Information: (734) 482-5074.

• **Saturday, July 26, and Sunday, July 27** – Artaffair on Main in downtown Belleville from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Fine art, crafts, music, and more. Free entry. Presented by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

• **Thursday, July 31** – Music Lakeside

at Horizon Park at 7 p.m. with Rustbelt Revival (Classic Rock). Free. Bring your own chairs. Presented by Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

• **Friday, Aug. 1** – The Health and Wellness Expo runs from noon to 5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. You can have a free turkey dinner if you pre-register before July 31. Otherwise, it will be \$3 at the door. Expo and Health Screenings, Music and Dancing, Catered Dinner, Door prize Drawings, 3-7 p.m.

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Court Watching:

Shaun Theron Williams bound over after preliminary exam

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Shawn Theron Williams was bound over to circuit court on a charge of aggravated

Thunder

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Councilman Fielder voiced concern about the ribbons that will look worn toward the end of September after being battered by winds and weather. If the city approved this, he said, it also would be a signal for others to tie things on the poles. "It's an opening-the-door thing," said Councilwoman Kim Tindall. "There are a lot of worthwhile organizations." The council suggested Naser ask business owners to put the ribbons on their property and in private trees. Members of the audience suggested putting the message on the community events sign and the sign at the high school. "Council will do whatever it can to facilitate the teal ribbons," Fielder said;

- Approved the request of Terri Morioka of First United Methodist Church to close Roys Street between Charles and Church to allow the church to have a Summer Sizzler family picnic from 5-7 p.m. on Saturday, July 26, on the lawn and adjoining street. There will be about 30 to 40 children involved and the church parking lot is not suitable because it has just been repaved and, "It stinks," she said. Art affair on Main will be going on that day and Main Street will be closed down, so there was some discussion about motorist and emergency access to the area;

- Approved the 2015 Annual Implementation Plan of The Senior Alliance;

- Approved accounts payable in the amount of \$103,395.19 and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to C.M.P. Distributors, \$1,784.68 for police uniforms; to Oakland County Treasurer, \$2,382 for police membership in CLEMIS; to Osborne Concrete, \$603 for concrete in the cemetery; to SLC, \$4,963.34 for new water meters; and to UMS, \$3,156.83 for sewer repair;

- Heard City Manager Diana Kollmeyer report that she talked to the Postmaster and he suggested leaving the mailboxes where they are in Harbour Pointe, rather than moving them, and to post no parking on one side of the street, as desired, to provide space for emergency vehicles to enter. "It may not be an issue," said Mayor Kerreen Conley, who has been considering for a few years solutions to the parking problem in the subdivision in which she lives; and

- Discussed encouraging people to plan ahead for events and to clear them through the city well ahead of time to avoid conflicts. The discussion was brought on by the church's Monday request for a street closing on Saturday.

assault after his girlfriend reluctantly testified against him at 34th District Court in Romulus on July 9.

Williams was offered a plea bargain by the prosecutor just before the exam was due to begin before District Court Judge David Parrott.

The offer to have Williams plea guilty to a misdemeanor instead of facing a felony charge was rejected by Williams.

Since it was after 12 noon by the time the Williams exam was ready to begin, Judge Parrott said the exam would have to wait until he returned from a meeting he had at 1 p.m. in Detroit. He said court would begin again at 2:30 p.m.

When he returned, Judge Parrott heard the witness and determined Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Matthew Forrest had proven there was probable cause that a crime was committed in Van Buren Township and that Williams was involved.

Williams' court-appointed attorney was David Lankford.

The defendant was bound over to the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice for an arraignment on the information at 9 a.m., July 23. His bond was continued at \$500 personal recognizance.

Jeffrey M. Chamberlain

Jeffrey M. Chamberlain's preliminary exam on charges of controlled substance/delivery of marijuana and possession of narcotics was postponed until July 30 before Judge Parrott.

Chamberlain's retained attorney Seymour Schwartz told Judge Parrott he needed more time to obtain evidence in the case and his client agreed to waive the 14-day rule for a preliminary exam within that time.

Chamberlain was out after posting 10% of his \$5,000 set bond.

VBT Police Detective Donovan McCarthy is the officer in charge of the case.

Olufemi Darren Lambo

Olufemi Darren Lambo, 26, waived his preliminary exam at 34th District Court, so Judge Parrott bound him over to circuit court to face charges of operating while intoxicated – 3rd and driving while license

suspended-2nd on June 23.

He is scheduled to appear for an arraignment on the information on July 23 at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice.

Lambo's court-appointed attorney Lankford asked for a slight change to all the alcohol and drug tests his client was taking and VBT Detective Ken Toney agreed to the changes, which were then ordered by Judge Parrott.

Lambo is out on bond after posting 10% of \$5,000.

Phillip Michael Martin

Phillip Michael Martin, 21, is charged with fleeing a police officer – 3rd degree vehicle code, controlled substance – possession of marijuana, and driving while license suspended.

This allegedly happened on June 24 in VBT. He is out on bond after paying 10% of \$10,000.

Martin waived his right to have a preliminary exam and was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on July 23. VBT Detective Toney is the officer in charge of the case.

Public Defender Lankford told Martin the fleeing and eluding was about 80 feet, and he was charged because of the fence. Lankford told Martin they are sure to reduce the charge downtown.

Dashaun Denzel McGee

The preliminary exam for Dashaun Denzel McGee, 20, was adjourned for one week, to July 16, in district court. McGee is charged with delivery/manufacture of drugs and driving while license suspended.

VBT Det. Sgt. Jeff Gueli is in charge of

the case. The crime allegedly happened on May 9 and McGee was arraigned on June 10. He is out on \$5,000 personal recognizance bond.

On July 16, McGee and his retained attorney had a plea deal and the original charges were dropped in exchange for him pleading guilty to unlawful use of a controlled substance and no valid license on person. A sentencing date will be set.

Henry Tillmon Taylor

Henry Tillmon Taylor, 24, was due to have his preliminary exam on July 9 at 34th District Court, but waived the exam and was scheduled to be arraigned on the information at circuit court on July 23.

Taylor is charged with fleeing in a vehicle and driving while license suspended-2nd. He was lodged in the Wayne County Jail on \$15,000/10% bond.

Taylor's retained attorney Dave Lyons said his client was intoxicated and he wasn't thinking straight.

Lyons said Taylor works for Banfield's in Ann Arbor, a family owned business, and makes \$11 an hour on a 30-hour week. Taylor's father, Edward Taylor, was present in the courtroom. Lyons said Taylor cannot make 10% of the bond and his mother and father will take responsibility for him. His mother lives in the home with his father.

With Assistant Prosecutor Forrest's approval, Judge Parrott put Taylor on \$15,000 personal recognizance bond, meaning no money is involved if he shows up as directed. He also will be put on a tether and released to his parents.

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Saturday noon was the time set for Sumpter Township's annual Family Fun Day sponsored by the Sumpter Parks and Recreation Commission, but the skies opened up and it poured rain over the festivities at Graham Park. The children on the water slide didn't mind and the fun continued even though it was raining. The annual softball game between the Sumpter police and fire team and the Belleville police and fire team, however, was not held.

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FRIDAY & SATURDAY

MudBog
SATURDAY 5:00 P.M.

Thursday, August 7 (Kids Day)

7 - 10 am	Breakfast	Dining Hall
9 am	Goat Milking	Livestock Pavilion
9 am	Horse Show	Equine
11 am - 2 pm	Lunch	Dining Hall w/A/C
12 pm	Lysts on the Great Lakes	Barn 1
	Jousting Practice	
2 - 10 pm	Carnival \$8 - 2 pm til close; \$16 after 6 pm	
2 - 10 pm	Miracle of Life Exhibit	Cozadd Building
2 - 10 pm	Crafters / Vendors	
2 pm	Coloring Contest w/Prizes	Dining Hall
	Theme: Animals at the Fair	
	Age Groups: 3-5, 6-9, 10-13; 2 pm Deadline	
	Winners announced Friday at 6 pm	
4 pm	Kids Games, Ages 12 & Under	
4 - 7 pm	Pedal Tractors	
6:30 pm	Livestock Auction	Livestock Pavilion
7 pm	SJO Super Cross Championship Series \$10	Track
	Super Cross Sign-up at 3 pm; Practice 5 pm	

Friday, August 8 (Veteran's Day)

7 - 10 am	Breakfast	Dining Hall
8 am	Pig Trail	Livestock Pavilion
9 am	Horse Show	Equine
10 am	Shepherd's Trail	Livestock Pavilion
11 am	Goat Pack Class	Livestock Pavilion
11 am - 2 pm	Lunch	Dining Hall w/A/C
12 pm	Lysts on the Great Lakes	Barn 1
	Jousting Competition	
1 pm	Master Stockman Workshop	
1 - 10 pm	Carnival - \$16	
2 - 10 pm	Miracle of Life Exhibit	Cozadd Building
1 - 10 pm	Crafters / Vendors	
Various	Wood Carving Shows	
4:30 - 7 pm	Dinner - (\$1 Discount for Veterans)	Dining Hall w/A/C
7 pm	Unique Motor Sports presents Night of Destruction \$10	Track

Saturday, August 9

7 - 10 am	Breakfast	Dining Hall
10 am - 6 pm	Car Show	
10 am	Master Stockman Contest	Livestock Pavilion
11 am - 2 pm	Lunch	Dining Hall w/A/C
12 pm	Youth Pet Show	Livestock Pavilion
12 pm, 2 pm & 4 pm	Lysts on the Great Lakes	Barn 1
	Jousting Competition	
1-10 pm	Carnival - \$16	
1-10 pm	Crafters / Vendors	
Various	Wood Carving Shows	
2-10 pm	Miracle of Life Exhibit	Cozadd Building
3 pm	Livestock Awards	Livestock Pavilion
4 pm	Youth Awards	Livestock Pavilion
4 - 8 pm	Steak Dinner \$12	Dining Hall w/A/C
5 pm	Equine Awards	Livestock Pavilion
5 pm	Unique Motor Sports presents Mud Bog \$10	Track

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Monday, August 4 (No Carnival)

7 - 10 am	Breakfast	Dining Hall
8 am	Swine Show	Livestock Pavilion
11 am	Horse Show	Equine
11 am - 2 pm	Lunch	Dining Hall w/A/C
2 - 10 pm	Miracle of Life Exhibit	Cozadd Building
6 pm	Sheep Show	Livestock Pavilion

Tuesday, August 5 (Family Day)

7 - 10 am	Breakfast	Dining Hall
9 am	Poultry Show	Cozadd Building
9 am	Horse Show	Equine

Dining Hall	
Livestock Pavilion	
Equine	
Dining Hall w/A/C	
Cozadd Building	
Livestock Pavilion	

11 am - 2 pm	
2 - 10 pm	
2 - 10 pm	
4 - 10 pm	
6 pm	
7 pm	
4:30 - 7 pm	

Wednesday, August 6 (Seniors Day)

7 - 10 am	Breakfast	Dining Hall
8 am	Rabbit/Cavy/Pocket Pet Show	Cozadd Building
9 am	Horse Show	Equine

Dining Hall w/A/C	
Cozadd Building	
Livestock Pavilion	
Track/Horse Arena	
Dining Hall	

11 am - 2 pm	
2 - 10 pm	
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4 - 10 pm	
4:30 - 7 pm	
6 pm	
7 pm	
7 pm	

Lunch	
Miracle of Life Exhibit	
Crafters / Vendors	
Fruit Pie Bake Off (1st-3rd Prizes)	
Senior Citizen Basket Raffle	
Carnival - \$10	
Dinner - (\$1 Discount for Seniors)	
Dairy Show	
Beef Show - Livestock Pavilion	
Unique Motor Sports presents	
Enduro Derby / Figure 8 Off Road - \$10 - Local Participants Welcome!	

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Cozadd Building	
Dining Hall	
Community Arts	
Dining Hall w/A/C	
Livestock Pavilion	

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Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

Public Notice Request for Proposal (RFP)

Van Buren Public Schools is currently accepting, Request for Proposal (RFP) for providing Latchkey services for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 school year.

Contact Pam Melton at 734-697-9123 ext. 1014 for further information. All proposals must be submitted by July 30th, 2014.

Publish: July 17, 2014, July 24, 2014

Sumpter Township Public Notice

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING

The Sumpter Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m. on August 14, 2013 in at the Sumpter Township Hall located at 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111. The purpose of this hearing is to consider approval modifications to Sections 4.20 and Section 5.3 as they relate to placement of Accessory Structures in the AG, Agricultural zoning district.

Information and complete draft of Ordinance language may be inspected at the Township Clerk's Office during normal business hours. If you are unable to attend this hearing but wish to comment on this matter you may submit written comments to the Township Clerk's Office prior to the time and date of the public hearing.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.
Clerk
Sumpter Township

Publish: July 24, 2014

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan.

The public hearing relates to parcel tax ID numbers V-125-83-013-99-0001-000 and V-125-83-013-99-0011-000, also known as 5800 Belleville Road. The site is located on the west side of Belleville Road between Michigan Ave. on the north and Van Born Rd on the south. The site is zoned M-2, General Industrial.

The Board of Zoning Appeals will review a variance request for the construction of light poles that will exceed the maximum height permitted in the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance, 06-02-92, as amended. A variance application has been submitted from the following section of the Zoning Ordinance:

ARTICLE IV, Section 4.23a(2): Maximum light fixture height of 25 feet, measured from the finished grade to the top of the fixture.

Applicant (Costco Wholesale) requests a height of 35 feet, 10 feet greater than permitted.

Written comments will be accepted by the Department of Developmental Services until 4:00 p.m. on the date of the above referenced public hearing. You can contact the Department of Developmental Services at (734) 699-8913.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations will be made available with advance notice.

Posted: July 24, 2014
Published: July 24, 2014

Studying for Safe Schools



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

On July 15 and 16 about 60 representatives from law-enforcement agencies throughout the region attended the Partnership for Safe Schools workshop at Belleville High School, hosted by the Belleville Police Department. The workshop was offered without charge to participants and was sponsored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the Office of Juvenile Justice Programs at the U.S. Department of Justice. Officers attending received Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards credit.

City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

In compliance with State Election Law 168, Section 798, a test will be conducted on Wednesday, July 30, 2014 at 3:00 P. M. in City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI for the purpose of certifying the program to be used in the counting device which will be utilized to process voter ballots in the Tuesday, August 5, 2014 Primary Election. Test will be open to the public and any concerned citizens may attend.

The City of Belleville will provide, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations with advance notice to the Clerk's Office, 734-697-9323.

Lisa Long
City Clerk

Publish: July 24, 2014

Sumpter Township Public Notice

TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER NOTICE OF ACCURACY TEST

A public accuracy test will be conducted on the following date and time for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the tabulation equipment and programs which will be used to tabulate voted ballots for the Primary Election to be held on August 5, 2014 in Sumpter Township, Wayne County.

**The Public Accuracy Test will be held on July 28, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
23480 Sumpter Road
Belleville, MI 48111**

The Township of Sumpter will provide in accordance with the Disabilities Act a reasonable accommodation with advanced notice to the Clerk's Office. Candidates and other interested parties are invited to attend. For further information contact: Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk at 734-461-6201.

Publish: July 24, 2014

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION – AUGUST 5, 2014

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES July 15, 2014

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan and Trustee Miller. Excused Absent: Hart. Others in attendance: Executive Assistant LaMothe, DPW Director Taylor, Developmental Services Consultant Sloan, Secretary Montgomery and an audience of nine (9).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Budd moved, Jahr seconded to approve the agenda. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Jahr moved, Miller seconded to approve the Consent Agenda Work Study Session Minutes June 30, 2014; Closed Session Minutes June 30, 2014; Regular Board Meeting Minutes July 1, 2014; Extension of the 2014 Summer Tax without penalty though Tuesday, September 30, 2014; Resolution 2014-17, 2014 Tax Request; Resolution 2014-20, approval of Senior Alliance 2015 Annual Implementation Plan for Aging Services; Voucher List of July 15, 2014 as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Combs read a letter from resident thanking the Public Safety Department patrol officers who patrolled Haggerty Subdivision on June 15, 2014 and addressed youths on ATV's. City of Wayne Mayor thanked the Board for their support and encouraged voting in the August Primary Election. Clerk Wright presented a Public Service Announcement currently airing on VBT12, Livestream and the VBT Clerk's Office Facebook page.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: McClanahan moved, Miller seconded to approve Resolution 2014-16 regarding the litigation effort with the Downriver Sewer System Communities. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Wright moved, McClanahan seconded to recuse Budd from New Business item #1 because of a direct relationship with the applicants. Carried. Wright moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Application for Farmland Development Rights Agreement from William and Thomas Budd for parcel 83-055-99-0007-001 at 42500 N. Service Dr. Carried.

Jahr moved, Miller seconded to approve Resolution 2014-19 for the Township to join the MI WARN Mutual Aid Agreement for Public Works Departments. Carried.

Budd moved, McClanahan seconded to adopt Resolution 2014-21, purchase of land foreclosed on by Wayne County Treasurer. Parcel V125-83-022-99-0010-700 (51352 Old Michigan Ave.) with funds to be transferred from the water and sewer department land account. Carried.

REPORTS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: September Days Senior Center 9-Hole Golf Scramble at Harbour Club Golf Course August 7, 2014 9:00 a.m.; Belleville Area Museum and Historical Society Yard Sale July 17, 2014 Noon-7:00 p.m. & Antiques Appraisal Day with Doug Dalton 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.; Shred Day August 2nd from 9 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Township

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Proclamation presented to the Board for their support of a request to propose pursue, and perform legislation asking the governor and legislature for sufficient funding for a memorial dedicated to the contribution of the Willow

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In accordance with Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954 Section 168.653 (a), notice is hereby given to the registered voters of the Charter Township of Van Buren that the Primary Election will be held TUESDAY, August 5, 2014.

Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST. Polling place locations for Van Buren Township:

Precinct #1	McBride Middle School	47097 McBride
Precinct #2	Wayne County Community College	9555 Haggerty Rd.
Precinct #3	Van Buren Township Hall (Board Room)	46425 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #4	Van Buren Township Hall (Gym)	46425 Tyler Rd
Precinct #5	Tyler Elementary School	42299 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #6	Belleville High	501 W. Columbia
Precinct #7	Belleville High	501 W. Columbia
Precinct #8	Haggerty Elementary School	13770 Haggerty Rd
Precinct #9	Savage Elementary School	42975 Savage Rd
Precinct #10	Owen Intermediate School	45201 Owen St.

All polling place locations are handicap accessible. To obtain election instructions in an alternative format (audio or Braille), contact the Clerk's Office prior to Election Day.

Candidates of the Republican and Democratic parties and non-partisan candidates for the following offices will be voted upon in the County of Wayne:

Candidates for the following offices will be voted upon:

Governor
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United States Representative in Congress
State Senator
Representative in State Legislature
County Executive
County Commissioner
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PROPOSALS: STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROPOSAL 14-1

APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF AMENATORY ACT TO REDUCE STATE USE TAX AND REPLACE WITH A LOCAL COMMUNITY STABILIZATION SHARE TO MODERNIZE THE TAX SYSTEM TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSES GROW AND CREATE JOBS

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BELLEVILLE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY BONDING PROPOSITON

BELLEVILLE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL

A sample of the ballot may be obtain at the Van Buren Township Clerk's Office or on the Township website www.vanburen-mi.org.

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964

Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, **RAYMOND J. WOJTOWICZ**, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of June 01, 2014 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

The County Treasurer's Statement:

I, Raymond J. Wojtowicz, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan do hereby certify that, as of June 1, 2014 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

Wayne County Wayne County Michigan			
<u>Taxing Authorities</u>	<u>Date of Election</u>	<u>Voted Increases</u>	<u>Years Increases Effective</u>
County of Wayne	November 3, 2009	1 mill	2019
Wayne County Jail	August 7, 2012	1 mill	2021
Wayne County Parks	November 2, 2010	0.25 mills	2015
Wayne County	November 6, 2009	1.25 mills	2020
Community College	November 8, 2012	1 mill	2022
Charter Township of Van Buren	November 8, 2011	4 mill	2016
Lincoln Consolidated Schools	November, 2012	18 mills	2018 (non homest)
Van Buren Public School District	November 8, 2011	18 mills	2016 (non homest)
	November 4, 2008	1.3 mills	2015
	November 4, 2008	2.98 mills	2039
Belleville Area District Library	November 2, 2010	0.7 mills	2022

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

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Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, MI 48111, 734-699-8909. Deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the August 5, 2014 Primary Election for Van Buren Township is Saturday, August 2, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Township Clerk's Office.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

In compliance with State Election Law 168 Section 798, a Public Hearing will be conducted on Wednesday, July 30, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, Michigan. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law for the Primary Election to be held Tuesday, August 5, 2014. Said meeting is open to the public and any concerned citizens may attend. The Charter Township of Van Buren will provide, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations with advance notice to the Clerk's Office, 734.699.8909.

Leon Wright
Township Clerk

Publish: 7-24-14

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

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Run Bomber plant and the B24 Liberator to our freedom.; Board member from the Belleville Area District Library and resident encouraged the public to vote during the August Primary Election; Resident praised the Recreation Department for providing park maintenance and encouraged residents to assist when possible. DPW Director Taylor announced the parking lot repair/resurface has reached substantial completion and thanked Director Jordan, Director Wright, Deputy Director Zaenglein and Deputy Treasurer Bellingham for their collaboration and cooperation on the project.

CLOSED SESSION: None
ADJOURNMENT: Jahr moved, McClanahan seconded to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. Carried.
Respectfully submitted,
Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor
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Kayak launch

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out something for the signs. When Snarski said they could put up a sign in the kiosk to say the project was on hold, Thompson said that the present kiosk leaks like a sieve.

Hoops suggested laminating the notice in plastic.

"Our entire plan could be required to change," Thompson said.

Councilman Tom Fielder asked if they should still display the plans at the upcoming Taste of Belleville and Thompson said it wouldn't be a good idea since it may change.

At the end of the meeting, DDA members voiced their disappointment about the docks.

"Booville is coming together, but it was disappointing to get the project postponed," said Mayor Conley. "We'll wait and see what the DEQ does... The change certainly was disappointing. All of us were on the same page at first."

In other business at the 24-minute meeting on July 16, the DDA:

- Reviewed a tentative list of activities planned for the month of October from the Booville calendar, which includes Scarecrows on Main, UFOs over Michigan, Costume Pub Crawl, Pumpkin Patch Car Bash, Harvest Fest, Zombie 5K, cemetery tour, art show, psychic medium, downtown trick or treat on Halloween, etc.; and

- Approved buying 5,000 promotional magnets for Booville at the low bid of \$1,000 (20 cents each) from A Design Line Embroidery of Van Buren Township. Other bidders were Johnston Lithograph of Romulus, \$1,350 (27 cents each); 4 Imprint, a web business, at \$1,250 (25 cents each); and Custom Specialties USA, a web business, at \$2,350 (47 cents each). They will be distributed at events around the city and at businesses and township halls and city hall.

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Sumpter Township Public Notice



TO THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given, that a Primary Election will be held in this county Tuesday, August 5, 2014, at which time the following will be voted upon:

Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General United States Senator, Representative in Congress 15th district, State Senator, Representative in State Legislature, Member of the State Board of Education, Member of the Board of Regents of the University of Michigan, Member of the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University, Member of the Board of Governors of Wayne State University, County Executive, County Commissioner, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Judge of Third Judicial Circuit Court, Judge of the Circuit Court, Judge of the Probate Court, Judge of the District Court 34th.

Pursuant to state law, the revenue raised by the proposed enhancement millage will be collected by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency and distributed to local public school district within the boundaries of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency based on pupil membership count. Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, Michigan, be increased by 2.00 mills (\$2 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years, 2014 to 2019, inclusive, as new additional millage to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district operating purposes? It is estimated that 2 mills would raise approximately \$80,000.00 when first levied in 2014.

The revenue from this millage will be disbursed to the following school districts: Allen Park Public Schools, Crestwood School District, Dearborn City School District, Dearborn Heights School District #7, School District of the City of Detroit, Ecorse Public School District, Flat Rock Community Schools, School District of the City of Garden City, Gibraltar School District, Grosse Ile Township Schools, The Grosse Pointe Public School System, Hamtramck Public Schools, City of Harper Woods Schools, School District of the City of Highland Park, Huron School District, School District of the City of Lincoln Park, Livonia Public Schools, Melvindale – Northern Allen Park Schools, Northville Public Schools, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Redford Union School District, River Rouge School District, Riverview Community School District, Romulus Community Schools, Southgate Community School District, South Redford School District, Taylor School District, Trenton Public Schools, Van Buren Public Schools, Wayne-Westland Community School District, Westwood Community Schools, Woodhaven-Brownstown School District, Wyandotte City School District. Yes or No.

Belleville Area District Library Bonding Proposition

Shall the Belleville Area District Library, formed by City of Belleville, Charter Township of Van Buren, and Township of Sumpter, each in the County of Wayne, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Nineteen million Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$19,050,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds for all or a portion of that amount for the purpose of constructing, furnishing and equipping a new building for library purposes; constructing renovations to, furnishing and refurbishing and equipping and re-equipping an existing building for library purposes; and acquiring sites for library buildings?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2014, is 1.08 mill (\$1.08 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is twenty (20) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 0.96 mill (\$0.96 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). (Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance cost, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.) Yes or No.

Belleville Area District Library district library operating millage proposal This proposal will allow the District library to levy additional millage in the City of Belleville, Charter Township of Van Buren, and Township of Sumpter for library operating purposes.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all taxable property within the geographic boundaries of the Belleville Area District Library, Wayne County, Michigan, be increased by 1 mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 20 years, 2014 to 2033, inclusive, to provide funds for library operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the District library will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2014 is approximately \$1,352,779 of which the District Library will receive \$1,224,806 and the follow-

ing entities will capture a portion of the revenues. Belleville Downtown Development Authority (\$24,891) Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority (\$73,050), and Van Buren Township Local Development Financing Authority (\$30,032)? Yes or No

State Proposal 14-1 Approval or Disapproval of amendatory act to reduce state use tax and replace with a local community stabilization share to modernize the tax system to help small businesses grow and create jobs.

The amendatory act adopted by the legislature would: 1. Reduce the state use tax and replace with a local community stabilization share of the tax for the purpose of modernizing the tax system to help small businesses grow and create jobs in Michigan. 2. Require Local Community Stabilization Authority to provide revenue to local governments dedicated for local purposes, including police safety, fire protection, and ambulance emergency services. 3. Increase portion of state use tax dedicated for aid to local school districts. 4. Prohibit authority from increasing taxes. 5. Prohibit total use tax rate from exceeding existing constitutional 6% limitation. Should this law be approved? Yes or No.

I, Raymond J. Wojtowicz, Treasurer of Wayne County Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of June 1, 2014 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows: County of Wayne, November 3, 2009, 1 mill; thru 2019; Wayne County Jail August 7, 2012 1 mill, 2021. Wayne County Parks November 2, 2010 0.25 mills 2015. Wayne County Community College November 6, 2008 1.25 mill, 2020 November 6, 2012 1 mill; Sumpter Township May 3, 2011, 1 mill 2015, August 3, 2010, 3 mills 2015; Huron Township School District November 2011 18 mills, 2017 (non-homestead only). Lincoln Consolidated Schools November 2012, 18 mills 2018 (non-homestead only) November 2012 .1 mills 2018. Van Buren School District November 2011, 18 mills 2016 (non-homestead only), November 2008, 1.13 mills 2015. Airport Community Schools, May 2013, 18 mills, 2018 (non-homestead only).

ABSENTEE VOTER'S BALLOTS are now available and may be obtained from the Clerk's Office, for electors who expect to be absent from the community, physically disabled, cannot attend the polls because of tenets of their religion, or are 60 years of age or older. Notice is further given that the office will be opened on Saturday August 2, 2014 from 9 am to 2 pm the deadline for acceptance of Absentee Ballot Application in accordance with Section 168.759 of the Michigan Compiled Laws of 1948 as amended.

EMERGENCY ABSENT VOTER APPLICATIONS will be issued to any registered elector at any time prior to 4 pm on Election Day is he/she shall have become physically disabled or shall be absent from the Township because of sickness or death in the family, which has occurred at a time which has made it impossible to apply for Absent Voter's Ballots by the statutory deadline.

Each person voting in the election must be:

- (a) A citizen of the United States of America over eighteen (18) years of age;
- (b) A registered elector of the city or township in which he or she resides.

Precinct Locations are as follows:

Precinct 1,3	Sumpter Community Center 23501 Sumpter (Corner of Dunn)
Precinct 2,	PNA Hall (Moose Lodge) 45476 Harris (Corner of Sumpter)
Precinct 4 & 6	Fire Station #1 20550 Sumpter Township
Precinct 5	Bessie Hoffman School 50700 Willow

The polls of said Special Election will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. on the day of election.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.

Clerk

Sumpter Township

Publish: July 24, 2014

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SUMPTER TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT 2013 Water Quality Report

Our department is proud of the fine drinking water it provides and is honored to provide this report to you. The 2013 annual Consumer Confidence Report on Water Quality show the sources of our water, lists the results of our tests, and contains important information about water and health. The Sumpter Township Water and Sewer Department will notify you immediately if there is ever any reason from concern about our water. We are pleased to show you how we have surpassed water quality standards as mandated by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The State and EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to insure its safety.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health."

Lead

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Sumpter Township is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Where does my water come from?

Your source water comes from the Detroit River, situated within the Lake St. Clair, Clinton River,

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Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



Artaffair on Main, the two-day fine art fair returns to downtown Main Street this Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The **Belleville Area Council for the Arts** will feature over 35 artisans, including local nature artist **Tim Marsh**, our popular **Kidz Kraft Korner** at Fourth Street Square with **Angie Renaud** and myself.

There will be awesome eats and live entertainment on the BACA stage features Abigail Stauffer, Mathew Ball, Thornetta Davis, Voices in Harmony, and Belleville's **Machine Gun Kelley** (Kelly Connors Johnson) on Sunday, 3-5 p.m.

Drop-in art activities with the **Detroit Institute of Arts** will take place along with the ever-popular **Wine & Canvas** event. Be sure to enter the free Crayola Colors of Summer Giveaway Contest, featuring a basket of Crayola goodies. I'll be there all weekend, folks, so stop by and say hi.

Edible Arrangements in metro Detroit is kicking off **Random Acts of Happiness** from Monday July 28-Monday, Aug. 11 and are seeking nominations from Metro Detroiters. Sixteen winners will be recognized for their good deeds and chosen to receive a fresh fruit arrangement, one from each of the 16 participating Edible Arrangement retail stores, including the one on Belleville Road in the Murray's Plaza. Nomination forms are available and can be filled out. Winners will be announced Aug. 25.

The **Belleville Area Council for the Arts' Concert Lakeside Series** continues tonight with Cash O'Riley (blues) at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park on High Street. Rain location is **First United Methodist Church**. The concert is free. Call (734) 697-8123.

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Court Watching:**Judge Oakley finds Jeffrey Kundra guilty of domestic violence**

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After a bench trial at 34th District Court on July 16, Judge Brian Oakley found Jeffrey Allen Kundra guilty of assault and battery of his former girlfriend.

The incident took place at their former residence at 6515 Outer Drive in Van Buren Township on April 22, 2013.

Judge Oakley ordered Kundra to be assessed by the probation department because of the age of the case – 15 months – and because of a prior conviction. Sentencing will take place in the future.

There were three witnesses in the trial: the alleged victim, the police officer who responded, and Kundra himself.

Christine Mulka said she had been living with Kundra, her boyfriend at the time, and they had an argument at a park and returned to the house around 5 p.m. She said the arguing continued and she told him she was leaving.

She testified that she started packing her belongings in a black plastic bag. She said Kundra threw the keys at her head, hitting her on the right side of the forehead and gashing her head. She said she fell backward.

Mulka testified Kundra stood over her and said he was sorry it has to end like this. Then he went to Lansing and she called police.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Carrie Butorac, in one of her last days at the district court, questioned the witness. (Butorac will be prosecuting cases at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in the future and her replacement at 34th District Court Danielle Strace observed the trial.)

Court-appointed attorney Jeffrey Bowdich cross-examined the witness.

Mulka said Kundra threw the keys at her and the keyring carried several keys and a metal Chevy logo. She said she fell backwards from the blow and landed on the ground, blacking out for a moment.

When Bowdich asked if she ever went back, the prosecutor objected. Bowdich said the case was dismissed by the prosecution at one point after Mulka refused to prosecute.

The two attorneys approached the bench and, after some discussion, Judge Oakley allowed the question.

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Sumpter Township Public Notice



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Detroit River, Rouge River, Ecorse River, in the U.S. and parts of the Thames River, Little River, Turkey Creek and Sydenham watersheds in Canada. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment in 2004 to determine the susceptibility of potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from "very low" to "very high" based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry, and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of our Detroit River source water intakes were determined to be highly susceptible to potential contamination. However, all four Detroit water treatment plants that use source water from Detroit River have historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards. DWSD has initiated source-water protection activities that include chemical containment, spill response, and a mercury reduction program. DWSD participates in a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit discharge program and has an emergency response management plan. If you would like to know more information about this report or a complete copy of this report please, contact your water department (734)461-6201 ext. 2242.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than is the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

For additional information check out these websites:

Sumpter Township-sumptertwp.com

American Water Works Association-awwa.org

State of Michigan Dept. of Environmental Quality-michigan.gov

Southeastern Michigan Council of governments-semcog.org

Or for more information or a printed copy of this report please contact:

Sumpter Township Water and Sewer Department
23480 Sumpter Road
Belleville, MI 48111
(734) 461-6201 ext. 2242

Southwest Water Treatment Plant 2013 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Inorganic Chemicals – Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap								
Fluoride	5/13/2013	ppm	4	4	0.71	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	5/13/2013	ppm	10	10	0.69	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium	6/9/2008	ppm	2	2	0.01	n/a	no	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Disinfection By-Products – Monitoring in Distribution System Stage 2								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest LRAA	Range of Detection	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2013	ppb	n/a	80	61.4	49.3-61.4	no	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2013	ppb	n/a	60	21.0	7.0-21.0	no	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Disinfection – Monitoring in Distribution System								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal	Allowed Level	Highest RAA	Range of Detection	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Disinfectant Total Chlorine Residual	2013	ppm	MRDGL 4	MRDL 4	0.85	0.47-0.88	no	Water additive used to control microbes.
2013 Turbidity – Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap								
Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU		Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)				Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water	
0.15 NTU		100%				no	Soil Runoff	
Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.								

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2013 Microbiological Contaminants – Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System					
Regulated Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Number Detected	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	Presence of Coliform bacteria > 5% of monthly samples	in one month		Naturally present in the environment.
E.coli or Fecal Coliform Bacteria	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or E.coli positive.	entire year		Human waste and animal fecal waste.

2011 Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customers' Tap								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90 th Percentile Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	2011	ppb	0	15				Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	2011	ppm	1.3	1.3				Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.

*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL additional requirements must be met.

Contaminant	Treatment Technique	Running annual average	Monthly Ratio Range	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each month and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.				Erosion of natural deposits

2013 Special Monitoring

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	5.54	Erosion of natural deposits

2013 Key to the Detected Contaminant Tables

Symbol	Abbreviation for	Definition/Explanation
>	Greater than	
AL	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
HAA5	Haloacetic Acids	HAA5 is the total of bromoacetic, chloroacetic, dibromoacetic, dichloroacetic, and trichloroacetic acids. Compliance is based on the total.
LRAA	Locational Running Annual Average	
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRLDG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
n/a	not applicable	
ND	Not Detected	
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.
ppb	Parts Per Billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.
ppm	Parts Per Million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.
RAA	Running Annual Average	
TT	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
TTHM	Total Trihalomethanes	Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane and bromoform. Compliance is based on total.

Court Watching

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Mulka said that after she moved out they did decide to get a place together.

"I was very intimidated by him," she said, adding he wouldn't let her talk to the prosecutor and he threatened her family, and especially her father.

She testified she did talk to the prosecutor and the victim's advocate and then left the courthouse with Kundrat.

Prosecutor Butorac asked why the relationship continued and Mulka replied, "I can't understand to this day."

When the prosecutor asked about the threats, Mulka said, "He had previously threatened my family. He started threatening friends at the beginning and family 6-7 months later ... I wasn't thinking clearly."

"That influenced you as to whether to prosecute?" Butorac asked and Mulka said it did.

Next witness was Van Buren Township Officer Patrick Wehrman. He said he was dispatched to the scene of a physical domestic and he found Mulka at the site alone.

Officer Wehrman said she told him she and her boyfriend were arguing and he hit her with keys in his hand. He testified she was crying and upset and bleeding from the right temple.

Bowdich cross-examined Wehrman and the officer said Mulka told him she was hit by Kundrat. When Bowdich asked him about a previous court date, Wehrman said, "I didn't see him until I picked him up on a warrant, about a month ago."

"There was a court date before," Bowdich said and Wehrman said he can't speak about that because he wasn't there.

Then Kundrat came to the stand. He said they were at Gallup Park that afternoon and the day was ruined when they started arguing. He said they went home and when the arguing continued, he asked her to leave his residence.

He said he expected her to catch the keys and didn't intend to injure her. He testified he tossed the keys to her underhand and not an overhand motion.

Judge Oakley allowed Kundrat to demonstrate how gently he threw the keys by tossing them to his attorney, noting he had actually thrown them a little harder.

He said after the keys hit Mulka he apologized and left and they didn't talk for a week. But then they began texting and meeting again and they moved into another place together and lived together for two months before he moved to Lansing.



Understanding the Law
By Jason Goldman, Esq.
and Bryan Suliman, Esq.

For most people, there is nothing worse than being a party to a lawsuit, especially in a case where the likelihood of settlement is hopeless at best, and a long and miserable trial seems like the only path to some sort of resolution. In fact, it is this nightmare that scares most people away from filing a lawsuit despite the fact that they may be entitled to some type of recovery.

Fear no more, there are methods available that have been statistically proven to effectively resolve cases prior to trial, which can save you money and time while obtaining you a favorable result. This article will be discussing one method in particular: Mediation.

According to the State Bar of Michigan Alternative Dispute Resolution Section, mediation effectively settles cases. Nearly 70% of all cases sent to mediation result in settlement that day. Mediation agreements have a voluntary compliance rate of 90% vs. 53% for non-mediated judgments. Client surveys show that over 90% of mediation participants are satisfied with mediation, even if the case is not resolved at mediation.

Mediation is flexible. The location for mediation can be at your attorney's office, a courthouse, or even at home. Parties can jointly select a mediator or, the Court can appoint one randomly. Mediation is often effective when used early on, when the parties are usually more agreeable to an amicable resolution. Mediation saves money, as it usually leads to settlement or narrows discovery needed if the case continues. Mediation is "party-centric." It is an environment that gives the parties a chance to speak. Mediation also gives the parties an opportunity to hear the strengths and weaknesses of the other party. Lastly, mediation does not require the parties to settle. Even when complete resolution is not achieved, mediation may still help resolve some of the issues and help everyone focus on the important issues.

If you find yourself in a situation needing mediation, or if you would like additional information, you should contact your attorney.

Goldman Suliman, PLLC, is a Belleville law firm that was started by Jason Goldman and Bryan Suliman in order to serve the Belleville-area community. In this and future articles they will cover legal issues commonly faced by Belleville-area residents. Their goal is to help you better understand the law.

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City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION AUGUST 5, 2014

In accordance with Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954 Section 168.653(a); notice is hereby given to the registered voters of the City of Belleville that the PRIMARY ELECTION will be held TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2014.

Polls are open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. EST.

Polling place locations for the City of Belleville:

Precinct #1 and Precinct #2 are located at St. Anthony's Church (Father Folta Building),
409 W. Columbia

Each person voting in the election must be:

- (a) A citizen of the United States of America over eighteen (18) years of age.
- (b) A registered elector of the City of Belleville.

The following Offices will be voted upon:

Governor
United States Senator
Representative in Congress 12th District
State Senator 6th District
Representative in State Legislature 21st District
County Executive
Judge of District Court 34th District
County Commissioner 11th District
Delegate to County Convention

Ballot Proposal

PROPOSAL 14-1

APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF AMENDATORY ACT TO REDUCE STATE USE TAX AND REPLACE WITH A LOCAL COMMUNITY STABILIZATION SHARE TO MODERNIZE THE TAX SYSTEM TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSES GROW AND CREATE JOBS

The amendatory act adopted by the Legislature would:

1. Reduce the state use tax and replace with a local community stabilization share of the tax for the purpose of modernizing the tax system to help small businesses grow and create jobs in Michigan.
2. Require Local Community Stabilization Authority to provide revenue to local governments dedicated for local purposes, including police safety, fire protection, and ambulance emergency services.
3. Increase portion of state use tax dedicated for aid to local school districts.
4. Prohibit Authority from increasing taxes.
5. Prohibit total use tax rate from exceeding existing constitutional 6% limitation.

Shall this law be approved?

Yes _____

No _____

WAYNE COUNTY REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Pursuant to state law, the revenue raised by the proposed enhancement millage will be collected by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency and distributed to local public school districts within the boundaries of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency based on pupil membership count.

Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, Michigan be increased by 2.00 mills (\$2 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years, 2014 to 2019, inclusive as new additional millage to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district operating purposes? It is estimated that 2 mills would raise approximately \$80,000,000 when first levied in 2014.

The revenue from this millage will be disbursed to the following school districts:

Allen Park Public Schools, Crestwood School District, Dearborn City School District, Dearborn Heights School District #7, School District of the City of Detroit, Ecorse Public School District, Flat Rock Community Schools, School District of the City of Garden City, Gibraltar Schools District, Grosse Ile Township Schools, The Grosse Pointe Public School System, Hamtramck Public Schools, City of Harper Woods Schools, School District of the City of Highland Park, Huron School District, School District of the City of Lincoln Park, Livonia Public Schools, Melvindale – Northern Allen Park Schools, Northville Public Schools, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Redford Union School District, River Rouge School District, Riverview Community School District, Romulus Community Schools, Southgate Community School District, South Redford School District, Taylor School District, Trenton Public Schools, Van Buren Public Schools Wayne-Westland Community School District, Westwood Community Schools Woodhaven-Brownstown School District, Wyandotte City School District.

Yes _____

No _____

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City of Belleville Public Notice



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BELLEVILLE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY BONDING PROPOSITION

Shall the Belleville Area District Library, formed by City of Belleville, Charter Township of Van Buren, and Township of Sumpter, each in the County of Wayne, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Nineteen Million Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$19,050,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds for all or a portion of that amount for the purpose of constructing, furnishing and equipping a new building for library purposes; constructing renovations to, furnishing and refurbishing and equipping and re-equipping an existing building for library purposes; and acquiring sites for library buildings?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2014, is 1.08 mill (\$1.08 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is twenty (20) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 0.96 mill (0.96 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses).

BELLEVILLE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY DISTRICT LIBRARY OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow the District Library to levy additional millage in the City of Belleville, Charter Township of Van Buren, and Township of Sumpter for library operating purposes.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all taxable property within the geographic boundaries of the Belleville Area District Library, Wayne County, Michigan, be increased by 1 mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 20 years, 2014 to 2033, inclusive, to provide funds for library operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the District Library will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2014 is approximately \$1,352,779, of which the District library will receive \$1,224,806 and the following entities will capture a portion of the revenues: Belleville Downtown Development Authority (\$24,891), Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority (\$73,050), and Van Buren Township Local Development Financing Authority (\$30,032)?

Yes _____

No _____

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the following statement has been received from the County Treasurer of the County of Wayne as to previously voted increases in the constitutional tax rate limitation affecting taxable property in the Community College District, to wit:

The County Treasurer's Statement

"I, Raymond J. Wojtowicz, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that as of June 01, 2014 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

WAYNE COUNTY
Wayne County, Michigan
City of Belleville
Van Buren School District

<u>Taxing Authorities</u>	<u>Election</u>	<u>Voted Increase</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Wayne County	November 3, 2009	1 mil	2019
Wayne County Jail	August 7, 2012	1 mil	2021
Wayne County Parks	November 2, 2010	0.25 mills	2015
Wayne County	November 6, 2008	1.25 mills	2020
Community College	November 6, 2012	1 mill	2022
Van Buren Public School District	November, 2011	18 mills	2016 (non homestead only)
	November, 2008	1.13 mills	2015
Belleville Area District Library	November 2, 2010	0.7 mills	2022

NOTICE FURTHER GIVEN, that all polling places located in the City of Belleville to be used at the August 5, 2014 Primary election are accessible to voters who are elderly or handicapped.

NOTICE FURTHER GIVEN, that any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice other than the voter's employer or agent of that employee or officer or agent of the voter's union.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, by the City Clerk in accordance with Section 168.653 of the Michigan Election Law, as amended, and Section 208 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Application for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111. Deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the August 5, 2014 Primary Election is Saturday, August 2, 2014 from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Lisa Long
City Clerk

Publish: July 24, 2014

Court Watching

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Prosecutor Butorac said she tried to talk to Mulka and Kundrat wouldn't let her. She said detectives had to go get Mulka to bring her to the prosecutor the first time they were in court.

Bowdich said, "This case hinges on intent. She didn't tell the officer he tossed the keys. Why did he toss his keys? Her car keys were on that ring. He wanted her to leave immediately and come back later for her things."

Prosecutor Butorac said Mulka was packing her belongings to leave and Kundrat had been threatening her and her family. She repeated that a detective had to go out and get Mulka because he wouldn't let her talk to the prosecutor, after being charged with assaulting her.

Judge Oakley then said he didn't find Kundrat credible. He said if Kundrat wanted to give Mulka's key to her he could have taken it off the ring and tossed it to her. Judge Oakley said Kundrat had intent to hurt her so he found Kundrat guilty.

Other local cases were before Judge Oakley on July 16.

Jessie Clemmons

A bench trial was set for 11 a.m. Aug. 6 at the request of Jessie Clemmons who is charged with aggravated assault for a Dec. 13 incident on Carmell Street in Belleville. He asked for a court-appointed attorney for the trial.

Judge Oakley told him not to contact the complainant and the defendant said she was a stranger to him and he didn't know where she was, so he wouldn't contact her.

William Dunn IV

Also on July 16, Judge Oakley reduced the \$10,000/10% bond for William Dunn, IV, 46, who had been in the Wayne County Jail since his arrest on July 7 for failure to appear on 2013 charges.

Dunn told the judge he will be going back to live with his wife on Maple Street and Judge Oakley reduced bond to \$5,000 personal recognizance (no payment needed if he turns up for court) and released him, warning him to stay away from alcohol and drugs.

Dunn's court-appointed attorney David Lankford said that Dunn had agreed to waive his preliminary exam set for July 16 and Judge Oakley ordered Dunn to appear at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit on July 23 to face his charges. Dunn is scheduled to appear before Circuit Court Judge Margie Braxton.

An April 5, 2013 charge of \$45 for defective equipment has to be paid before he can get his license back, Judge Oakley said.

On April 8, 2013, Dunn was charged with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and driving while license suspended. He failed to appear for a court session on May 1, 2013 and a bench warrant was issued.

Judge Oakley urged Dunn to call the court if he is having difficulties and the court will help him.

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Sunday, July 13:
0000 – private property accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
0117 – suspicious vehicle, Riggs Rd.
0117 – disorderly conduct, Meadows Cir.
0125 – property damage accident, Hull/Bak
0245 – fight, Rawsonville
0252 – fight, Westlake
0323 – malicious destruction of property, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0352 – disturbance, Sunrise Ln./Belleville Rd.
0544 – disturbance, Rawsonville
0658 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Bak
0728 – malicious destruction of property, Ivy
1252 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1359 – breaking & entering, Parkwood Dr.
1656 – noise complaint, Denton/Western
1734 – holdup alarm, Savage Rd.
1846 – property damage accident, Savage Rd. / Martinsville Rd.
2036 – ATV/ORV complaint, Redwood/Ivy
2055 – neighbor trouble, Ivy Dr.
2100 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
2211 – fireworks, Parkwood Manor
2217 – disorderly conduct, Edison Lake
2257 – assault & battery, S. Ponderosa Trl.
Monday, July 14:
0153 – mental, Ormond Dr.
0250 – disturbance, Borgman Ave.
0600 – assault & battery, Van Born Rd.
1230 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Rawsonville Rd.
1236 – motorist assist, North Service Dr./EQ
1350 – assault & battery, Lake Villa Dr.
1431 – assault & battery, Ayres Ave.
1649 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd. / Thornwood Dr.
1834 – juvenile complaint, Kirkridge
1851 – juvenile complaint, Maple Dr.
1932 – fraud, Belleville
Tuesday, July 15:
0931 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Parkwood Dr.
1156 – larceny, Stanley Rd.
1219 – harassment call, Village Green Ln.
1358 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Lake Villa Dr
1505 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Haggerty Rd.
1519 – trespassing, Outer Dr.
1552 – missing person, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1627 – trespassing, N. Woodbury
1639 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1653 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Visteon
1718 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1725 – private property accident, Belleville
1741 – trespassing, Alva Dr./Martinsville Rd.
1813 – missing person, Maple Dr.
1829 – fireworks, Bayshore Dr.
1905 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2015 – E-911 cellular, Sumpter
2027 – property damage accident, Meadows of Van Buren
2031 – larceny, Park Estates
2105 – E-911 cellular, Arthur St.
2304 – suspicious situation, S. Woodbury Dr.
2314 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
Wednesday, July 16:
0007 – harassment call, Village Green Ln.
0050 – malicious destruction of property, Park Estates
0409 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
0448 – agency assist, Victorian
0711 – hospice, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0733 – malicious destruction of property, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0948 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Willow Run Expressway
0959 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1059 – disturbance, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1126 – animal complaint, Budds’ Farm
1234 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Bog Rd.
1329 – private property accident, Sumpter Rd.
1338 – intimidation threat, Wheeler St.

1416 – malicious destruction of property, Hardwood Dr.
1422 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Maurice Dr.
1434 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1508 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, Marlowe Ave.
1535 – fraud, Ormond Dr.
1654 – breaking & entering, Savage Rd.
1754 – suicide or attempt, Ponderosa
1805 – assault & battery, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1819 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1834 – violation public health code/violation controlled substance act, Sumpter Rd.
2125 – disorderly conduct, Parkwood Dr.
2228 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Manor
Thursday, July 17:
0010 – juvenile complaint, Denton Rd.
1149 – intimidation threat, Old Rawsonville
1553 – suspicious person, Robson Rd.
1647 – property damage accident, Belleville / McDonald’s
1918 – personal injury accident, Hayes/Jackson
2052 – noise complaint, Westlake
2110 – fireworks, Fisher Rd./Lake Crest Dr.
2227 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
2246 – disturbance, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2344 – personal injury accident, Victoria St.
Friday, July 18:
0344 – suspicious situation, Oak Blvd.
0435 – trespassing, Belleville
0727 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0727 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0907 – suicide or attempt, Bak Rd.
1031 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1041 – neighbor trouble, Parkwood Dr.
1225 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
1336 – ATV/ORV complaint, Van Buren St. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1433 – harassment call, Dalton Dr.
1440 – private property accident, Ecorse Rd.
1629 – indecent exposure, Belleville Rd.
1656 – private property, Belleville Rd.
1743 – shots fired, Bemis Rd.
2109 – missing person, Aspen
2222 – fireworks, Filmore St.
2228 – disturbance, Belleville
2303 – E-911 cellular, Dunn
2305 – breaking & entering, Park Estates
2313 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
2348 – assault & battery, Oak Ln.
2352 – shots fired, Elwell/Bentley
Saturday, July 19:
0154 – disorderly conduct, latlong-42:12:54N,83:30:56W
0225 – disorderly conduct, Denton Rd.
0246 – property damage accident, WB I-94 / rest area
0255 – operating while intoxicated, W I-94 / Belleville
0633 – assault & battery, S I-94 Service
0918 – disturbance, Belle Plaza
0953 – assault & battery, Barkley St.
0955 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1546 – property damage accident, EB I-94 / Belleville
1614 – mental, Westlake
1635 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1817 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
1826 – fraud, Belleville
1957 – trespassing, Oak Ln.
2138 – harassment call, Parkside Dr.
2141 – assault & battery, Van Buren St.
2146 – juvenile complaint, Ecorse Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
2153 – fireworks, Savage Rd./Sheldon Rd.
2158 – fireworks, Maple Dr./Ash Dr.
2209 – noise complaint, Briarwood Dr.
2218 – fireworks, E. Huron River Dr./Martinsville
2228 – noise complaint, Sadie Ln.
2229 – shots fired, Denton Rd.
2230 – suspicious situation, Oak Ln.
2240 – suspicious vehicle, Solitude Ln.
2304 – fight, Parkwood Dr.
2323 – noise complaint, Huron River Dr. boat launch
Also on this week’s log are 175 traffic stops, 57 of which were on the I-94 or I-275 freeways.

“No man has a good enough memory to be a successful liar.”
– Abraham Lincoln

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 13:
0818 – suspicious situation, Wabash Ave.
1005 – malicious destruction of property, Bedell St
1701 – traffic hazard, Horizon Park
1814 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
1935 – disturbance, Church St.
2118 – breaking & entering, S. Biggs
2310 – disturbance, Carmell St.
Monday, July 14:
0015 – suspicious person, Menlo Park Dr.
0056 – intrusion alarm, W. Davis St.
1108 – assist fire dept., Loza Lane
1551 – warrant arrest, Pro Hardware
Tuesday, July 15:
1200 – background investigation, E. Thornhill Ct.
1300 – prisoner transfer, S. Wayne Rd.
1426 – holdup alarm, E. Thornhill Ct.
1446 – assist fire dept., Owen
1731 – private property accident, Main St.
1929 – property damage accident, Main St.
2009 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
2153 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
Wednesday, July 16:
0447 – domestic assault, Victorian Ct.
0657 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0849 – vehicle lockout, W. Thornhill Ct.
2108 – noise complaint, N. Edgemont Ave.
Thursday, July 17:
0630 – domestic assault, W. Wabash Ave.
0633 – parking complaint, Menlo Park Dr.
1341 – property damage accident, Biggs Ave.
1536 – civil matter, Carmell St.
1716 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.
1941 – property check, DPW
2335 – noise complaint, Carmell St.
Friday, July 18:
0927 – malicious destruction of property, Menlo Park Dr.
1028 – animal complaint, Sumpter/tracks
1653 – juvenile complaint, Main/Fifth
1922 – malicious destruction of property, Menlo Park Dr.
2203 – larceny, Carmell St.
Saturday, July 19:
0556 – welfare check, Belle Villa
0846 – malicious destruction of property, Church
1448 – assist fire dept., Capistrano Ct.
1858 – juvenile complaint, Carmell St.
1943 – juvenile complaint, Owen
2124 – disturbance, Potter
2149 – fireworks, Victorian Ln.
2308 – noise complaint, Loza Ln.
Also on this week’s log are 43 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 13:
0020 – suspicious vehicle, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
0409 – suspicious person, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0416 – suspicious incident, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0935 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1110 – criminal sexual conduct investigation, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1312 – traffic hazard, Rawsonville/Judd
1319 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Edgewood
1353 – suspicious incident, Oregon
1515 – suspicious person, Wear/Sherwood
1531 – property damage accident, Fenster/Judd
1838 – soliciting complaint, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
2342 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
Monday, July 14:
0037 – suspicious vehicle, Carriage Ln.
0347 – fire dept. assist, Delaware
0926 – neighbor dispute, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1141 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1352 – larceny complaint, 28000 bl. Martinsville
1612 – civil dispute, Greenmeadow
1658 – 911 hangup, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2003 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Martinsville
2223 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Rawsonville/Willis

Tuesday, July 15:
0807 – citizen assist, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
0950 – family trouble, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1347 – citizen assist, 49000 bl. Sherwood Ct.
1359 – accidental damage report, 46000 bl. Willow
1403 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
1613 – trespassing complaint, 5800 I. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1627 – suspicious incident, Rawsonville/Willis
2023 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
Wednesday, July 16:
0053 – assist other agency, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0213 – assist other agency, 6400 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
0615 – assist other agency, Sumpter/Oakville Waltz
0742 – animal complaint, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0929 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1106 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1200 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1325 – threats complaint, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1406 – threats complaint, 18000 bl. Martinsville
1448 – criminal sexual conduct investigation, E. Arizona
1608 – civil dispute, 17000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1616 – suspicious incident, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1651 – suspicious vehicle, 18000 bl. Martinsville
1847 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Clark Rd.
1855 – 911 hang up, Virginia
2101 – warrant arrest, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2303 – suspicious person, Oregon
2329 – mental health commitment, 6700 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
Thursday, July 17:
0006 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.
0218 – suspicious vehicle, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
1133 – civil dispute, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1538 – neighbor dispute, Colorado
1713 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Timberpark
1805 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1903 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1933 – shots fired, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
2120 – warrant arrest, 50000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2143 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
2305 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 12000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
Friday, July 18:
0017 – suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0137 – assist other agency, out of township
1045 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1232 – well-being check, Redwood
1242 – ordinance violation, 19000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1745 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Griffin Ct.
1832 – assist other agency, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
1929 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.
2038 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2059 – suspicious incident, Texas
2343 – civil dispute, Rustic Ln.
Saturday, July 19:
0102 – warrant arrest, Sumpter/Bemis
1129 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.
1733 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2201 – fireworks complaint, 44000 Dunn Rd.
2205 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
Also on this week’s log are 19 follow-up investigations, 37 miscellaneous details, 136 patrol checks, and 55 traffic stops.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Aug. 4 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 6 – Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 11 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Administration Building.
- Tuesday, Aug. 12 – VBT Recreation Committee, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., followed by regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 13 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

Correction:

Election story should have included Michigan House District 12

On page 14 in the July 10 issue of the *Independent*, we published a list of candidates and proposals that are on the Aug. 5 primary ballot. We inadvertently left off the candidates for the 12th House District: Kelly Thompson, R, and Erika Geiss, D. That district is part of the redistricting that was done in 2011 and it cuts into Haggerty Subdivision and some surrounding area from the east. The rest of Van Buren Township and Belleville are in the 21st District. Sumpter Township is in the 17th District. This is a confusing state of affairs. Thank you to Martha Toth, who is in the 12th House District, for pointing out the error. -- Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

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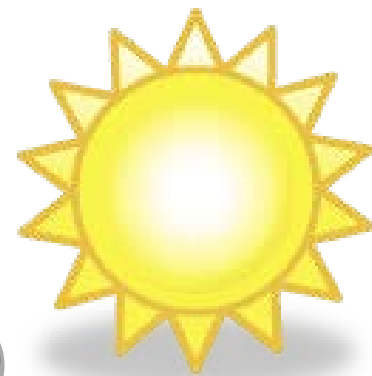
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